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DEADLINES: 25TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS: JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, DECEMBER, FEBRUARY, AND APRIL.



"CASS," formidable mascot, guards well the door of Sig Eps at Denver University.

But not the Denver chapter, or others having mascots, would want their doors guarded too well, lest the fall crop of rushees fear to enter. Though there has been some falling off in manpower, we are proceeding as though these were highly prosperous days for brotherhood—which they are.

Chapter No. 103 was installed at the University of Toledo on September 30, and other installations are planned.

There is a story in this issue about the Fraternity's new Grand President Dr. William C. Smolensky and also about the new Junior Grand Marshal Charles F. Stewart. The heaviest news is still of booming activities on Fraternity Row. As a bow to the past, District Governor W. E. Rogers contributes an historical article, and in their messages both Grand President Smolensky and Grand Secretary Hindman nod optimistically to the future.

—J. R.

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## **[The Voice of the Fraternity]**

Letters from readers are always deeply appreciated, whether they have something favorable to say or something unfavorable. The quality of our magazine will improve in direct proportion to the number of Sig Eps who contribute items to it and who participate in its policies by expressing themselves thoughtfully, truthfully and constructively. Address your letter to the Editor at 609 East 74th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

### **"Golden Days"**

Although Penn Beta chapter is gone I can assure you it's not forgotten. I believe I may speak for every surviving member of Pennsylvania Beta when I state that those fraternity days were the happiest days of our lives: at least they were of mine. And through the years my memory recalls those happy and glamorous days, those golden days of youth and pleasant associations—not to mention work.

But since reading the article ["Sigma Phi Epsilon's Forgotten Chapters"] I believe I can understand why Pennsylvania Beta gave up. Shortly after my graduation the admission standards to Jefferson were raised to at least a master's degree and that of course eliminated a lot of good fraternity material except for the strictly medical fraternities. Then an outfit called TNE of Theta Nu Epsilon entered the scene. This fraternity was a sort of whoop-de-doo concern and strictly social and sociable and devoted solely to having a "good time." In fact, its reputation was such that in most colleges it was a *sub rosa* organization. I feel that the influence of Theta Nu Epsilon prompted the expulsion of all but medical fraternities at Jefferson. I wonder if Mr. W. B. Heller can give us any interesting information on Theta Nu Epsilon.

I read the JOURNAL with great interest and get a great kick when I see a picture of a charter being presented for the simple reason that I designed that charter. I have no doubt that it would stand revision. But all that's a long story as Brother Billy Phillips can tell you. But the present charter and the first revision of the Ritual were made in the chapter house of Pennsylvania Beta in 1906-07 by myself and the late Brother William H. Hinkel, M.D., at the instance of Billy Phillips.

If our chapters are "forgotten" I hope the surviving members are not. In most instances I'm sure our loyalty to Sigma Phi Epsilon never falters even though we are "homeless." We old-timers may be getting a little decrepit but our hearts are still gay if not young and perhaps we might like to gather round a good old Fraternity bull session again. I can't believe they've changed much.—A. SAWYER JONES, M.D., *Pennsylvania Beta*, Dundee, N.Y.



A. Sawyer Jones, M.D., *Pennsylvania Beta* (right), poses with Uncle Billy Phillips.

### **Days Gone and Dead**

The article in the recent JOURNAL pertaining to Forgotten Chapters and also the description of the Cover are very likely well intended but unless I am wrong, I believe the article does more harm than good—particularly among the younger members and prospects who may see the JOURNAL. To me these were not enough explanations why the various chapters lost their charters and why a more concentrated effort was not made to have them reinstated.

It does seem better to have fewer chapters than many weak ones but in several of the cases, particularly the chapter at S. C., the explanation sounded very weak and for the life of me I don't see how the alumni of these various chapters can take any pride in the article.—JOHN A. LEVERING, *Pennsylvania Delta*, Third and Jackson Streets, Camden, N.J.

■ Alumni of the "forgotten chapters" were not expected to find any reason to take pride in this article. However, the story did present a great deal of information about their Fraternity that most Sig Eps would find interesting, and it made some of the alumni of the "forgotten chapters," at least, hitch up their suspenders, which is all to the good.—Ed.

### **Farewell Message**

Through this letter to the JOURNAL, as my term of Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon draws to a close, I wish to take the opportunity to remark on the state of our brotherhood during the term past and to express thanks and appreciation to the whole Fraternity for the honor.

I wish to say I have had splendid co-operation on the part of Brother Bill Hindman, Grand Secretary, and his fine staff of Central Office employees. It has been a pleasure to work with them for our Fraternity, and while we have not expanded as rapidly as last year, as represented by installations, we have been



working diligently laying the ground work for further installations that will take place in the fall of 1950 and in 1951, after careful investigation and approval.

My personal impressions are that we have a fine and growing Fraternity that is more and more appreciating the high ideals set before us by our Founders that our Badge may more and more become to each member the reality of the Sacred Heart by which it was known in its early days. We want more chapters to emulate our "Oregon Staters," our alpha chapter in that state, where clean fun, clean manhood, and high scholarship have been the rule for over a quarter of a century, and I find that is the ideal toward which the whole Fraternity system is striving.

The speeches of Past Chairman Myers of the National Interfraternity Conference, and of Senator John Bricker, at the introduction of the "Cornell University Fraternity Work Week," last April 30, bear this out.

It has been a pleasure and an inspiration to meet the thinking men of virile activity on the campus who are leaders there, coming into maturity with the earnest desire to forward the great possibilities of the American college fraternity system.

The great and sad event of my term was the death of Field Secretary Charles Pafford. Though Charlie lived but a short time after he left the campus, he had done much to forward our Fraternity's ideals in the chapters he visited, and Brother Frank Ruck and I could actually feel the great flow of fraternal sympathy that went out to Charlie and his family as we attended his funeral at Daytona, Fla., an experience neither of us shall ever forget.

As Senator John Bricker, of Ohio, said at Cornell, the parents of America appreciate the fraternal system where their son or daughter has the opportunity of fraternal living with students of their own age and outlook. Those parents want that fraternal home to be a *wholesome home* for those sons or daughters, where they will have the opportunity to develop character in clean, constructive, living. We leaders of Sigma Phi Epsilon welcome the collegiate rules that take alcoholic beverages out of the fraternal homes on the campus.

After our immediate Past Grand President Larkin Bailey had made such an enviable record in taking seriously, and as a matter of outstanding business importance, his oath of office, and thereby attaining outstanding achievements therein, I felt great temerity that I could even measurably carry on. I did my best to emulate Larkin's high example, with what success the evidence will tell.

It gives me pleasure to say that my successor in this high office is one who will likewise take seriously the duties thereof, and, having been the national president of his dental fraternity, he brings to his high appointment unusual experience, and the high ideals of both Sigma Phi Epsilon and his dental fraternity

## Welcome U. of Toledo Sig Eps

LOCAL fraternity Chi Beta Chi at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, became the 103rd chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon on September 30. It is the ninth chapter of the Fraternity to be granted a charter in the state of Ohio—Ohio Iota. Sister chapters in the state are at Ohio Northern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Baldwin-Wallace, Miami, and Cincinnati. The groups at Wittenberg and Wooster are no longer in existence. Full details of the installation will appear in the December JOURNAL.

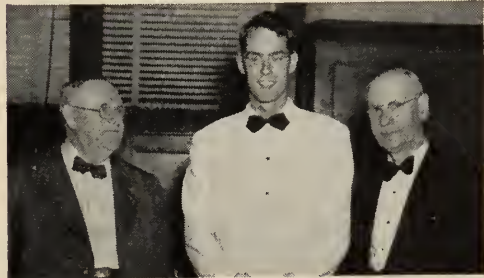
Delta Sigma Delta. I predict for him great success in forwarding the high aims and ideals of our beloved Fraternity in his term as Grand President.—CHARLES S. THOMPSON, *Grand President*.

## Welcome A & M

Would it be possible for you to change the heading in the JOURNAL for the Colorado Gamma chapter from Colorado State to Colorado A & M? Although the name Colorado State was once applied to the college here in Fort Collins, the name has been commonly used of late to describe an institution at Greeley, Colo., and therefore no longer appropriately represents us.—ROBERT D. STOLL, historian, *Colorado Gamma*, Fort Collins, Colo.

## Deadline Trouble

I do not know if any other chapters have called it to your attention or not, but it seems to me that the announcements of copy requirements for future issues come too late; the deadlines follow hot on their heels. The last copy call came to me on June 17, the day school ended, since it necessitated forwarding from our president in Colorado. This delay does not



Attending installation at Florida State which took place during his term as Grand President is Charles S. Thompson (right), Uncle Billy Phillips at left and new Florida Epsilon president Paul Curtis.



INDIANA BETA HEARTBEAT

"Pledges shall light the cigarettes of the active members at all times."

—PLEDGE RULE

always occur, but I'm often rushed for time trying to secure pictures and the necessary material for publication. My guess is that other chapters have the same difficulty, since the house cannot afford a photographer and must rely on the eccentricities of its brothers. In the future then, could notification come sooner?—DAVID BORKMAN, historian, *Indiana Alpha*, West Lafayette, Ind.

■ *There have been a number of gripes about the late dates of the copy calls; however, the later the dates the fresher the news. Besides, if the reporters for the JOURNAL are really on the ball, copy calls aren't necessary since deadlines for material appear in every issue and have been the same for years.*—Ed.

### Get Leaders Who Lead

What is the meaning of fraternity? It means group brotherhood. It is my conviction that when the actives possess within their hearts the desire to make their chapter and their fraternity the best on their campus—then and only then will it have the proper spirit to build its house soundly. This *common interest* is most important. It is this factor that maintains the congeniality of any chapter. Every chapter must have a nucleus of this with which to grow. It is up to the members in selecting their officers to obtain leaders who have more understanding than to destroy the natural fellowship that is there.

The chapter that obtains energy for its operations chiefly through fining and brow-beating should lose no time in getting rid of such procedures as well as the alleged leaders who are responsible for them and start with a new book—the Sig Ep Creed.—OTTO W. WALTER, II, *Missouri Beta*, '50, St. Louis, Mo.

### A Note from Purdue

You might be interested in knowing that two Sigma Phi Epsilon house mothers attended the Purdue Housemothers' Training School the past

summer. They are Mrs. Carrie Greene of the University of Arkansas and Mrs. Dorothy Williams of the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.

May I also take this opportunity to tell you that Mr. Vic Vanaman [former Field Secretary Vic Vanaman, now fraternity adviser in the Purdue Office of Student Affairs] did a fine job of representing Sigma Phi Epsilon at the National Officers' Day at the School.—HELEN B. SCHELMAN, Dean of Women, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

### Renewed Interest

The February and April issues of the JOURNAL arrived for Lt. Col. E. Stanton Palmer [*Colorado Alpha*, '33] today. Colonel Palmer has been transferred to the U.S. and his JOURNALS will be forwarded on to him. His present address is: 327 Emerson St., Palo Alto, Calif. I took the liberty of reading the JOURNALS and I thoroughly enjoyed them. Since I am a life member of Sigma Phi Epsilon—Oklahoma Alpha Chapter—I would appreciate very much being put on the mailing list once again. I haven't received the JOURNAL since I left for Europe during the war, but reading these copies has revived my fraternity spirit.

It certainly is a pleasure to note the progress Sigma Phi Epsilon is making. It goes without saying that now, as I always have been, I am proud to be a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.—CAPT. EARL L. JOLLY, *Oklahoma Alpha*, Ord. Sec, GHQ, FEC, APO 500, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

### Wanted: K-State News

I have thoroughly enjoyed the JOURNALS, and I feel that the balance of material is now just about right. I would just like to see the old chapter get a little more copy in to you so that I could keep a better idea of what is going on in Kansas.—H. E. TEAGARDEN, *Kansas Beta*, '43, 1904 N. King Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

### Wanted: Old Journals

I am most anxious to complete my collection of the JOURNAL, which I plan to have appropriately bound and stamped for my library, and wonder if I might not obtain help from readers in locating three copies still missing:

November 1920 (Volume XVIII, No. 1)  
February 1921 (Volume XVIII, No. 2)  
September 1928 (Volume XXV, No. 4)

The Central Office has been able to provide a number of the necessary copies but has no extras of those listed above.

I would deeply appreciate hearing from readers of the JOURNAL who could help me locate these copies.—PALMER C. BOOTHBY, *Michigan Alpha*, Jahn & Ollier Engraving Company, 817 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 7, Ill.



# Golden Anniversary Conclave



Richmond skyline from across the historic James River.

Plans are already afoot for a super Conclave at Richmond in 1951. Fifty years of history to be commemorated at Fraternity's birthplace September 4, 5, 6, 7.

By **HERB SMITH, General Conclave Chairman**

**N**INETEEN FIFTY-ONE seemed a long way off when the '47 Conclave accepted the Richmond Alumni Chapter's invitation for the Golden Anniversary Conclave. Now it is only a matter of months until we will be gathering in Richmond to honor and commemorate an occasion that means so much to all of us—the founding of our Fraternity.

Plans are already underway to provide all Sig Eps—*undergraduate and alumni*—attending the twenty-second Grand Chapter Conclave with the finest convention in Sigma Phi Epsilon history. It is time for every Sig Ep to start planning for the pilgrimage back to Richmond, the Fraternity's birthplace. Glimpses of past events that we hope to recapture are certain to provide bigger and better goals for the future.

However, do not forget that there are many historical places awaiting your sojourn to the heart of the old Confederacy. Besides the outstanding historical points of vantage in Richmond, there are close by such places of renown as Williamsburg, Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Wash-

ington. Those of you who are driving down over the Sky Line Drive will thrill at the beautiful sights as you look out from the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. For those who want to take in the seashore, there is Virginia Beach with its many attractions. Virginia offers each and every Sig Ep a perfect vacation in combination with what we are planning as the Fraternity's best Conclave—"The Conclave of Progress."

The John Marshall Hotel will be convention headquarters and its spacious air-conditioned meeting rooms will afford cool and pleasant Grand Chapter sessions. There will be plenty of southern belles for undergrads to escort to the Golden Anniversary Ball; there are modern up-to-date shopping facilities for all the wives; you can count on fun for all at the **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONCLAVE**.

We of the Richmond Alumni Chapter want to make this a grand event so that it will serve as a warm and enduring memory for every brother who attends. With the early history of our Fraternity deeply rooted in Richmond, this will be a "Homecoming" in the fullest sense of the word.



The Grand President as a man of humor.

## A Grand Guy From Denver

William Charles Smolenske, D.D.S., Denver, '13, the new Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, is an apostle of brotherhood in the broad sense.

**D**R. WILLIAM C. SMOLENSKE, Colorado Beta, '13, who took office as Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the Executive Committee meeting of the Grand Chapter at Cincinnati in September, has labored unceasingly for the Fraternity for many years. He has been a district governor since the early days of World War II, and all his life he has devoted himself to fellowship. In a world that has treated the subject most shabbily, he is an apostle of brotherhood in the broad sense. He is a practicing Christian.

Dr. Smolenske's first ambition in life was

to become a medical missionary, and throughout his boyhood at McKeesport, Pa., he kept his eye on that goal. However, during boyhood days his father died, and he had to choose another profession—one that would enable him to become self-supporting in the quickest time possible and to help support his mother and three sisters and one brother—all younger than he. He chose to study dentistry.

As a dentist in Denver, Colo., where his family came to live in 1907, his early devotion to the welfare of people has never left him. Indeed, his record shows that it has increased through the years.

With the eyes of the whole world on Korea today, it is interesting to reflect that when Bill Smolenske completed his dental course at Denver University in 1913, and had taught on the faculty three years, he applied for a post as staff dentist at the Presbyterian Hospital in Seoul, Korea, and got it. However, his mother died very shortly after, and, facing this new phase of responsibility in his life, he was compelled to withdraw from the Korean job and remain in Denver.

For some years the now Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon earned his daily bread in the practice of dentistry, but the conviction inside him had never lessened that man must not live by bread alone.

Dr. Smolenske's next move is a surprising one—he turned off his drill, removed his



Doc and Mrs. Smolenske as they appeared at Colorado State Flower Dance last May.



white jacket, closed down his dental office so that he could devote all his time to visiting among the underprivileged sections of the city of Denver to carry on what he calls "Slum Work." He did this for three years.

Meanwhile in 1920 he married the young lady who is now Mrs. William Smolenske and the mother of Sig Ep son Jack Ross Smolenske, Colorado Beta, '46, and daughter Donna Virginia, who is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi.

With this addition of domestic responsibility, he put his shingle back up and continued to devote all his available spare time to benevolent works.

He had been president of the Y.M.C.A. on the Denver campus, and served as a delegate to the newly organized Y.M.C.A. Camp Conference at Estes Park. He served as a district director of the Boy Scouts of America for three years.

He confronted Christian Endeavor work head on and for 31 years was to be actively connected with such work. For five years he was president of the Colorado Christian Endeavor Union and the only representative from Colorado to be present at the dedication of the World's Christian Endeavor Building at Boston, Mass. He served as a delegate to the Fifth World Convention of this fine Christian organization. Because of the high achievement of the Colorado union in organizing new societies, Doctor Bill was asked to lead the parade at the National Christian Endeavor convention held at New York City. For many years he also served as State Adviser to the Union and is now Adviser Emeritus.

Among other activities into which Dr. Smolenske entered with consuming zeal and energy were the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity, and the Presbyterian Church. For 14 years he presided as general superintendent of the largest bible school in the entire state—that at the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church—organizing the school into ten divisions or grades. He also founded a bible school in the town of Logantown, about 15 miles from Denver, and this school has now developed into a self-supporting church. Dr. Smolenske has been an elder



Family man. From left: Sig Ep son Jack and his AOPi wife, Mrs. Smolenske, the G.P., and the baby Donna Virginia.

in the Presbyterian church for three years.

An important aspect of his participation in church affairs and other community affairs has been musical. He has sung as soloist in a number of Denver churches, has been a member of El Jebel Shrine Quartet for six years and of the Lions Glee Club for 20 years. He was the first director of Community Sings for the original Music Week Festival of Denver.

Dr. Smolenske has also accomplished much through the years for his dental fraternity. He has held many offices of importance, including the highest—that of Grand Master, which is the presidency. He has visited every one of this organization's 34 chapters and has attended six district conventions. Though he has held these high offices, he is working still and now serves as secretary of the national council of graduate chapters.

What is truly amazing is that since becoming a Sig Ep Grand officer in 1943, Doc Bill has devoted more time to Sig Ep work than to any other activity. He still has two close friends with whom fellowship began during Sig Ep days on the campus—Dr. A. L. Lininger, who is on the Colorado Beta alumni board, and Past Grand President Charles R. Patch.

Few Sig Eps have accomplished as much for their Fraternity as has Doctor Smolenske. Although a member of the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter for nearly eight years, he has continued to serve as a district governor. He has jurisdiction over the New Mexico and Wyoming chapters as well as the two Utah chapters and the four

*This great Fraternity of ours is built on Progress. That is my first thought upon assuming the high office which has been bestowed upon me and that thought will influence my every official act during my administration.*

*We have steadily grown in these 50 years until now we are a mighty force for service and action in the fraternity world.*

*I want to thank the leaders of the past for the rich heritage they have passed on to us, for the substantial foundation they have laid for my administration. How well they have discharged their trust is evidenced by the unparalleled growth of our Fraternity, not only in chapters and added membership, but also in the many activities which bring effectiveness and prestige.*

*With the beginning of the new year we find before us a great challenge. Will we accept it? Before us is the obligation to continue in that steadily upward path of progress.*

*In assuming the office of Grand President for this our Fiftieth Jubilee year, I am filled with a new appreciation of this our beloved Fraternity, which I have loved for many years.*

*I realize now as President there is little I can accomplish without the aid, good will, and assistance of every member—both active and alumni.*

*I take my new position with great humility, with unlimited gratitude, and with a vision toward making this year the greatest in Sigma Phi Epsilon. I sincerely ask your help in attaining that aim.*

*We must go steadily on from here. We shall grow in numbers and strength. We shall enter new schools as we find it practicable and feasible to do so. We shall work with every chapter president and secretary. We shall support our district governors and their organizations, we shall assist alumni associations. Your Executive Committee, your National Headquarters staff, all of us, will co-operate to make our brotherhood ever better—in size, in accomplishment, in service.*

*Let us then work to realize this. Let us reach out and up to that goal, working energetically and diligently. I, for my part, will give you the very best that I have. Sigma Phi Epsilon means too much not to put our best into it.—WILLIAM C. SMOLENSKE, Grand President*

Colorado chapters. His annual district conventions in the spring are always well attended. They are true schools of fellowship.

The new Grand President's belief in Sigma Phi Epsilon is earnest and reverent. He despises half-truths. "Be always truthful in all matters," he advises. "Keep scholarship on a high level." "Seek quality first and numbers will follow." "Look for personality and talent in the rushees." "Build chapter on a high moral and spiritual standard and never let it falter."

While Doc Bill stresses the importance of these principles, he also feels that chapters must be businesslike in order to succeed. "But in being businesslike," he says, "be also courteous."

He believes in self-reliance also, and counts it a lucky break when he decided as a young man in Denver to study stenography at Barnes Commercial School in that city. It was through stenography that he earned his way through dental school at the University.

The new Grand President believes the college years are extremely important for the influence they have on their subjects in years to come. He believes every young man should seek a real purpose, since not all of his effort will be used effectively until he has a real purpose. "Be your natural self," he advises. "Look up instead of down. Be true to yourself and to your God."

Education—and the cultivation of God as



one's ever-present companion—will quickly help to straighten out this cockeyed world like nothing else. He prefers the large very democratic school because here it is not so difficult for the lesson of the Sermon on the Mount to find its way home.

If all this wordage about the new G.P. makes him sound solemn, then a bit more needs to be said. Those who know Doc Smolenske will tell you that he may have solemn moments, but as a person he is always genial. Until Doc became president of the Denver University Alumni Association, dancing was not allowed at Homecoming celebrations. The Methodists frowned on it. By the time Doc's term of office was over dancing was on the roster. He thinks fun

is essential to the production of real nobility in people.

But this wonderful Rocky Mountain Sig Ep loves fun and he has invented many pranks. Wiry and inclined to be slight of build, he sets a rapid pace. For years he has enjoyed devouring good food without restraint and at the age of 62 still weighs only 135. His hazel eyes are generally filled with merriment—but they can be very serious also. He is full of jokes of the kind you can go home and tell Aunt Hattie. His son Jack—now married—still calls him his pal.

No brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon has ever been more worthy of the honor of the high office of Grand President. No brother believes more deeply in brotherhood.

## Mr. Smith Is on His Way to Washington



U. S. Senate Candidate Willis Smith, Duke, '10, and his daughter, Anna Lee, 21, cast their ballots in Democratic primary at Raleigh, N.C. He'll be in in November.



Edward A. Murphy conducting at a Chautauqua Youth Concert at Chautauqua, N.Y.

## Missouri Songsters Have a Go at Carmen

One entertaining evening at the Missouri house nets the chapter a new honorary member and some of its warblers a try at grand opera.



Edward A. Murphy, musical director, who was initiated as honorary member at Missouri.

**L**AST WINTER, when the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra was at Missouri University on tour, Missouri Alpha entertained the conductor of the orchestra and others as dinner guests. Those present included Vladimir Golschmann, conductor; chairman of the University music department Rogers

Whitmore and Mrs. Whitmore; and Edward Murphy, conductor of both the Burrall Choir and the Burrall Symphony at Stephens College.

On this occasion Conductor Golschmann, who had known the lavish hospitality of music patrons all over Europe, stated that



he knew of no group comparable in hospitality, camaraderie, and purpose to the body of men he found at the Missouri Sig Ep house.

Edward Murphy was equally impressed. The following spring, Ed, as he had come to be known by the fellows, came to the house with a handsome offer. Stephens College was going to present the opera *Carmen*. Would the golden-voiced boys of Missouri Alpha care to sing in the chorus? They would.

The production (in English) was a noteworthy success. The Sig Eps who participated had received *gratis* a first-rate course in opera. In May Missouri Alpha Chapter was happy to initiate Ed Murphy as a member.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y., where he was a member of Sigma Mu Alpha Sinfonia, he went on to study at the Vienna Academy of Music and further private study in Prague. As a member of several symphony orchestras, he traveled extensively in Europe, South America, and Asia.

In the winter Brother Murphy is not only conductor of the Burrall Symphony and Burrall Choir but also blows first horn with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. In the

Army Calls McCron

MEN in the Sig Ep houses throughout the country will miss the kindly visage of Assistant to the Grand Secretary Raymond C. McCron this fall—unless Uncle Sam changes his mind.

While the meeting of the Executive Committee was being held at Cincinnati on September 5, 6, and 7, Ray was at Fort Lee, Va., getting his physical examination as a second lieutenant in the Army. He expects to be away from the Central Office for some months, or the better part of a year, at least.

Grand Secretary Hindman's staff will consist of Frank J. Ruck, Jr., Pete Petersen, and the new field men, Al Mezo, Matt McBride, and George Salt. Gus Schmidt left last term to take a job in New Jersey.

summer he lives at Chautauqua, N.Y., where he is conductor of the Chautauqua Opera Association and Chautauqua Youth Concerts.

Ed Murphy and his gracious wife Louise and their four daughters—Kathleen, Patricia, Barbara, and Susan—live in St. Louis.

Men of Missouri Alpha enjoyed working in *Carmen*. Now the entire chapter is looking forward to the proposed production of *Faust*.

Men of Missouri Alpha who sang in *Carmen*. From left, kneeling: Webster, Graves, Turek, Gray, Halferty (behind), Kunz. Standing: Atkinson, Galpin, Mahan, Mr. Valenti (theatrical director), Dodd, Corbett, Elder, Winifred Heidt as *Carmen*, Wright, Musical Director Ed Murphy, Meitzen, Cockburn, Wilber, and Westbrook.





Cleveland Yachtsman Charles F. Stewart

## Charles F. Stewart A Busy Boatman

**Sig Ep's hard-working Junior Grand Marshal-elect, Florida Alpha, '29, plays hard, too, racing his sleek sloop *Duchess* over blue Lake Erie.**

**I**T TOOK Charles F. Stewart of Mentor Harbor Yacht Club, who was recently elected to the helm of the Interlake Yachting Association, just one decade to graduate from tyro skipper to commodore of the largest and one of the oldest boating associations in the world.

This is typical, however, of everything that Charley Stewart does. No matter what the organization may be that he is helping, or the job he has at hand he gives it his all. He is a tireless worker and whatever he does he does thoroughly and well.

Stewart spent his boyhood at Naples, Fla. where the Tamiami Trail turns away from the Gulf of Mexico toward Miami.

The Gulf was his backyard. After attending the University of Florida, he moved to St. Louis. But he found the lure of blue water too great and Charley finally packed up his family, consisting of his wife Elinor and son Charles, Jr., and headed for Cleveland and the lakes in 1938.

### Starts with Sloop

Shortly after his arrival he joined Mentor Harbor Yacht Club. His first boat on the lakes was the *Elinor*, an Interlake class sloop.

It wasn't long before he felt the need of a larger boat and purchased the 39-foot Bounty class auxiliary sloop *Shangri La* from E. E. Boughton. He renamed it *Duchess*.

With *Duchess*, which served as his flagship at the association's annual Put-in-Bay regatta in August, he proved his ability as a racing skipper. A fine collection of sailing trophies attests to his prowess.

But while he was racing he found time to work on Mentor Harbor's important committees. The net result was that in 1943 the members elected him commodore of the club and then extended the honor through 1944. The war made those years trying ones for Mentor Harbor. Practically the only way to get to the club on week ends is by automobile. Rationed gasoline was not available for pleasure trips to a yacht club located 25 miles from the downtown area. Stewart accepted the challenge, and soon developed a practical transportation pool to and from the club that permitted it to prosper.

### Bowling Is Hobby

His hobbies, in addition to yachting, are bowling and Kiwanis. An active member of Kiwanis since 1935, he has served as president of the West End Kiwanis Club in St. Louis and the downtown branch in Cleveland. He is scheduled to take office as lieutenant governor of the 10th division in Ohio of Kiwanis International.

Besides sailing, bowling, serving Mentor Harbor Yacht Club and Kiwanis and earning a living as vice-president of the Cleveland Insurance Agency, Stewart has found time to devote to the insurance team of



Cleveland's Community Fund, act as vice-chairman of the board of managers of the downtown boys' branch of Y.M.C.A., be a trustee and member of the finance committee for Plymouth Church and a delegate to the North American Yacht Racing Union.

### He Is Busy Sig Ep, Too

Brother Stewart became Junior Grand Marshal at the Executive Committee meeting at Cincinnati in September. He has been president of two alumni chapters—Cleveland and St. Louis. He is president of the Ohio Zeta Sigma Phi Epsilon Corporation.

He is past president of the West End Kiwanis Club of St. Louis, and of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club, the Ohio Casualty and Insurance Managers Association, and the Cleveland Accident and Health Association. He is also currently a trustee of the Insurance Board of Cleveland and a lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International.

During his years at the University of Florida, most of his time was devoted to athletics, where he played football, with track as a second sport.

Brother Stewart was born in Naples, Fla., on December 20, 1906, and spent the first eight grades of his schooling in a one-room country school house. Going on to Naples High School he was voted an all-state guard in football and served as captain of the track team and a member of the swimming team. To earn extra money and to keep himself fit he worked on a number of building and road construction jobs and also clerked in a general merchandise store.

Brother Stewart married in 1931 and today the Stewarts live in Shaker Heights in a home which they own. There is one son—Charles, Jr.

Today Charlie Stewart still resembles a football player. He is a lean six foot two and one-half, and weighs 230 pounds.



Junior Grand Marshal Charles F. Stewart's sloop *Duchess* in the Roberts race, Lake Erie, 1947.



District Governor W. E. Rogers . . . He still is setting a rugged pace for the other fellows.

## Earliest Days at Penn State

By W. E. ROGERS

**Recollections of the governor of District XIII, a founder of the Penn State chapter, concerning the origins of Sig Ep on that campus.**

**C**ELEBRATION of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Penn State chapter last April brought back to the minds of many old timers the early days of the chapter and of the history of Sigma Tau, the local from which Penn Eta of Sigma Phi Epsilon evolved.

I had been a member of Sigma Tau and was present on that eighth day of May in 1915 when the then Grand Secretary Wil-

liam L. Phillips presented our Sig Ep charter.

There are some interesting recollections of those days, and at the request of the JOURNAL editor I should like to set forth several of them.

It seems as if the threads of Sigma Phi Epsilon are woven deep into the pattern of my life. I helped bring the charter to Penn State and was one of the original charter members.

During World War I, when the influenza epidemic was killing from six to eight hundred soldiers a day at Camp Sherman, it was a good Sig Ep, Arden Holley Dawson, Ohio Alpha, who waited upon me and nursed me to health. He was my constant companion during the terrible war years of bygone days.

Leonard E. Gabriel, Missouri Alpha, was the Sig Ep who introduced me to my wife and later became best man at my wedding. My friendship with this splendid brother has never been broken in the past 35 years.

Another companion was a Sig Ep from Kansas Alpha, George Hoeffler, with whom I have traveled the dry sands of Texas and old Mexico together for the past quarter century and with whom I shared a narrow escape from death at the hands of Mexican bandits soon after the Pershing punitive expedition in Mexico.

A nephew, Harry Melville Rogers, Indiana Alpha, a graduate of Annapolis, is now with the Asiatic Fleet in Korea. It was a Missouri Alpha boy who married my youngest daughter, Kathleen, and now we have a prospective Sig Ep pledge in the class of 1969.

I have no doubt that many a Sig Ep whose history in the Fraternity spans such a considerable number of years will have similar recollections of pleasurable fellowships.

But let us now trace the roots of Sig Ep at Penn State.

A friendship formed at Connellsville, Pa., High School in 1908 between three men plays a role in the birth of this chapter.

I entered the freshman class of that high school in 1908. Among the students there was a brilliant athlete named Rudolph



Munk, who became one of the greatest football players in southwest Pennsylvania of that day. After graduation he attended the University of West Virginia, becoming varsity quarterback on the powerful West Virginia team. He also became an active member of West Virginia Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, one of the first boys of Connellsville to become a member of this Fraternity.

Walter P. Schenck was also a student at Connellsville High School, graduating in the class of 1911. After graduation he matriculated at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va. He was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon in his freshman year, but transferred to the University of West Virginia after two years. In his senior year he became president of the chapter.

Both Munk and Schenck were my warm personal friends in high school. I played center on the football team, Munk played quarterback, and Schenck was an end.

Having graduated from the high school in June, 1912, I enrolled at Penn State, and duly became a pledge to Sigma Tau in October of that year.

The time had come in 1913 when the local chapter decided to affiliate with some national fraternity. Most of the chapter memberships were from eastern Pennsylvania, drawing quite heavily on the city of Philadelphia. Our first step was to write Delta Kappa Epsilon and after an interval a committee of three men came from Philadelphia to inspect our chapter. These men discussed the national policy of Delta Kappa Epsilon, they explained how the granting of charters was handled, the cost involved in presenting the petition and the installation, and the number of years we would have to remain a local before they would even consider a petition. Knowing these facts, the chapter went on record to forget this fraternity.

At this time I introduced the name of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the fraternity of my friends Munk and Schenck. A committee was appointed and correspondence began between Brother Billy Phillips and the chapter. In Uncle Billy Phillips Sigma Tau really found a life long friend, even as



House of Sigma Tau, forerunner of Sig Ep at Penn State, is located on Pugh Street.

Sigma Phi Epsilon had found at the turn of the century.

In order that the National Headquarters at Richmond be better informed as to the quality of Sigma Tau membership, Brother Phillips wrote to the West Virginia Beta chapter suggesting that the president of the chapter go to Penn State to investigate Sigma Tau and report. Walter Schenck was the president of the West Virginia Beta chapter and thus he walked into our house at State College one day to look us over. We had quite an extended visit, during which Walter met our outstanding members and saw how well we rated on the campus as a local and noted our other various fraternity achievements. He left then and he must have turned in a favorable report to Richmond, as it was only a short time when Brother Billy Phillips wrote the chapter that we had been approved for a charter by the national fraternity. It was indeed a happy conclusion.

We held our initiation at the small chapter house on Pugh Street on May 8, 1915. We were then the 48th chapter in an already rapidly growing organization. My registration card shows that I was member no. 3301.

The installing committee consisted of William Lazell Phillips himself, from the National Headquarters, and Brothers Creston Suth, Arthur Littleton, and Merle Chesterfield Reed, of Pennsylvania Delta; Frank Haley Buck and Stuart Robinson Moore Thomson, of Delaware Alpha;

Irvin Hughes Isenberg, of Michigan Alpha; and Frederick Samuel Mollenauer, Ohio Alpha. Dr. William Curtis Hensyl, Dr. Charles Meade Thomas, and Dr. William Barr, of Pennsylvania Beta, were also present.

In the evening all the new and old Sig Eps went to the Bush House at Bellefonte, where a formal banquet was held. After several courses had been completed, Prof. John Oscar Kammerman, as toastmaster, introduced four speakers. The first was Brother Roy Alfred Stower, who spoke on "Goodbye Sigma Tau." Brother George Lloyd Reinert spoke on "Greetings, New Brothers," and Brother Phillips gave some advice to the new brothers starting on their way. Brother Mathew Wilson Black then spoke on "Characteristics" and this was followed by several impromptu speeches. All adjourned happy that they were Sig Eps.

The days that we spent in the old house on Pugh Street were certainly as happy as those spent by Penn State brothers of today in their much finer dwelling near the campus. Then, as now, the Sig Ep house was a real home.

Many of the old gang are gone. Rudolph Munk as an upperclassman at West Virginia while playing a football game against Bethany College was kicked in the head by a Bethany player which killed him. His was the first funeral of a Sig Ep I ever attended.

Walter Schenck now lives at Harrisburg where he is associated with the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce.

While a number of my chapter brothers of those early days have passed to the beyond, there are new Sig Eps who are now enjoying experiences in brotherhood that will give them their own pleasurable reminiscences 35 years hence.

## Alabama Sig Eps Will Occupy This New House



Alabama's new house will have ten study rooms, two date parlors, a music room, matron's apartment, ladies' lounge and powder room, and living room 50 by 20.



# Dr. Schmitt of the Smithsonian

By LUCILE MC CAIN

The success story of Waldo Schmitt, a founder of D. C. Alpha, head curator of zoology, U. S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

WHEN I started studying zoology at George Washington University, it was several days before I learned the identity of the slim, serious-looking young man whom I frequently saw rushing up and down the stairs two steps at a time, hair on end." Thus Mr. Clarence R. Shoemaker once described his first encounter with Waldo L. Schmitt. Dr. Schmitt, now Head Curator of Zoology, Smithsonian Institution, is still at 60 taking the stairs two steps at a time, his hair is still standing on end, and his enthusiasm is still as boundless as it was in 1910 when he was first noticed by Shoemaker, who was later to become a member of his staff.

Waldo Schmitt, District of Columbia Alpha, is one of those fairly rare individuals in government service, a native-born Washingtonian. His father was also a native of the city, an engineer specializing in the construction of domes. Indeed, he designed the dome of the Natural History Building of the National Museum, wherein his son has had an office for thirty-five years.

Schmitt attended Central High School in Washington, where he first became interested in the natural sciences. Upon graduation in 1907, he became an aide in economic botany in the Department of Agriculture, and that fall entered classes at George Washington University. He continued government work along with his studies, and received the B.S. degree in 1913. He had a good grounding in general zoology, but he trained primarily to be a marine biologist. He refers to himself as a "shrimp-hunter,"



Waldo L. Schmitt, a D. C. Alpha founder.

since shrimp, crabs, and their relatives constitute his special field of research.

While at George Washington, he joined a local fraternity, Kappa Sigma Pi. His contemporaries recall him as a loyal and enthusiastic member of the local; he was active in getting it to join Sigma Phi Epsilon, thus becoming a charter member of D.C. Alpha. Shortly thereafter his two brothers followed him into the chapter, and he had the pleasure in the mid-thirties of seeing his son initiated.

For several months in 1910 he was aide in the Division of Marine Invertebrates in the U. S. National Museum, transferring in the fall of that year to the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. From 1910-15 he was attached to the Bureau of Fisheries Steamer *Albatross*, making halibut, salmon, and other surveys along the Pacific coast of North America. Since the ship was based at San Francisco, he had an opportunity from 1912-15 to attend classes at the University of California, where he received his M.A. degree in absentia in 1916.

When he returned to Washington in 1915 he rejoined the staff of the Division of Marine Invertebrates as assistant curator, becoming curator in 1920, which position he held until 1943, when he was appointed head curator of the Department of Zoology.

During his early years as assistant curator he served as part-time instructor in zoology at George Washington University, where he also took up studies leading to the Ph.D. degree, which was conferred on him in 1922.

During his years in California Schmitt met Alvina Stumm, of Berkeley, whom he married in November 1914. Two children were born to them, Waldo Ernest, who was lost on the German front in the fall of 1944, and Barbara Ann, now Mrs. Robert T. Lundy, of Norfolk, Va.

To an outsider the life of a museum research man might appear to be led quietly in an ivory tower, but Schmitt's career has been far from an isolated one. For one thing, a marine biologist goes far afield to secure specimens for study; and for another, Schmitt's ebullient nature would preclude a placid existence. Any one who has worked with him can testify that association with him is anything but uneventful! His life has been a series of marine exploratory expeditions, and his office associates have been kept busy getting him ready and off on such trips, then unpacked and settled down again at the end of each.

His first expedition was a special detail to the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries to investigate the spiny lobsters of the Pacific coast. There were then several pleasant summers at the Carnegie Institution's Marine Laboratory, Dry Tortugas, Florida, and two years as Walter Rathbone Bacon travelling scholar, Smithsonian Institution, in South America, collecting along both east and west coasts. In 1932 he was invited to accompany the Pacific expedition of Captain Allan

Hancock, who later established the Allan Hancock Foundation at the University of Southern California. In all, he accompanied the Hancock Expeditions four times, the first three down the west coast of South America and to the Galapagos Islands; the last, in 1939, in the Atlantic to the north coast of South America and the Netherlands West Indies. Another trip, the Smithsonian-Hartford Expedition, took him to the West Indies in 1937.

Perhaps one of the most gratifying events in Schmitt's life was his selection as naturalist to accompany President Roosevelt in 1938 on the Presidential Cruise to Clipperton, Cocos, and the Galapagos Islands. In 1940 he accompanied the King Crab Investigation of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (former Bureau of Fisheries) in Alaska; and in 1941, '42, and '43 he returned to Latin America on special details.

He has always been an indefatigable collector, and has never confined himself to collecting only those specimens in his own field, the crustacea. On all these expeditions he had assistants to help with the gear and the collecting, but he worked as long and hard as any of them. All of the marine collections of the National Museum have been immeasurably enriched as a result of his enthusiasm and energy.

He might say that he enjoyed most his several trips to the Galapagos Islands. Certainly it is a thrill for any naturalist to visit the region and see the animals studied by Darwin prior to the publication of *The Origin of Species*. However, perhaps the most satisfying result of all Schmitt's trips has been the many friends he has made on every ship and in every port of call of every expedition. His open, friendly, generous nature draws people to him, and his loyalty to friends holds them thereafter. He probably would not assess the worth of the collections he has brought back above that of the friendships he made at the same time.

The advancement of the National Museum, particularly the Department of Zoology, has always been his main object in life. He is almost a zealot in his devotion to this "cause," and has given endless time beyond mere office hours to furthering the work. His bibliography, chiefly highly

Dr. Schmitt with collecting gear.





technical papers on the crustacea, consists of more than seventy titles. One of his chief endeavors since becoming head curator of the Department has been to renovate and better integrate the zoological exhibits, so as to present a better representation.

Schmitt is a member of the Cosmos Club of Washington and the Explorers Club of New York. He is also a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Museums Association, the American Geophysical Union, the Biological Society of Washington, the Washington Academy of Sciences (of which he was president in 1947), and the Society for Systematic Zoology. He founded the latter Society in 1947 and has seen it grow to a membership of more than 700 zoologists from both North and South America. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a corresponding member of the Zoological Society of London, an honorary member of other foreign scientific societies, and a member of Beta Kappa Alpha and Sigma Xi. He received the honorary D.Sc. degree from the University of Southern California in 1948. He serves on the advisory boards of the University of Miami Marine Laboratory and of the Bears Bluff Laboratory, near Charleston, South Carolina.

Though his work has also been his hobby, he has interests as diverse as house-building and traffic improvement. His chief hobby at



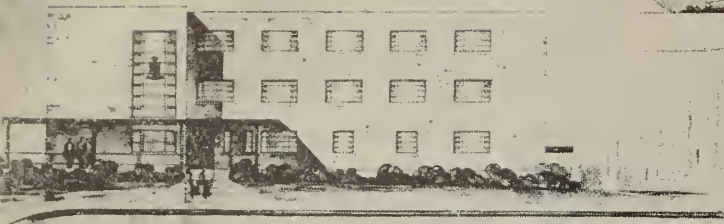
Dr. Schmitt and "giant crab of Japan."

present is his little grandson, Bobby Lundy, not quite three. He has always had a great interest in young people and children. No young person coming to consult him for advice on a biological career or a job ever leaves his office without help and words of encouragement; and a number of small children who know him as "Uncle Waldo" think he is a pretty fine fellow. One little boy who was brought to call on him at the office later informed his grandmother that he had visited Dr. Schmitt, "who owns the Schmittsonian Institution."

## A Jackpot Question— Who'll Win It in '51?

Although the Washington Alphans pictured here don't want it widely known, they have been secretly making plans to win another travel trophy when the Conclave is held at Richmond next summer. The trophy above was presented for negotiating the greatest number of man-miles to and from the Conclave at Chicago last September. Left to right, seated: Chuck Dolle, Dee Strickler, Adviser C. L. Hix, and Warren Smailey. Standing: Phil Jacobsen and Dave Carpenter. Richmond's a longer way from Pullman.





Architect's drawing of front view of new K-State house.

## K-State Plans a House

**P**LANs have been progressing during the past fall and winter months for the new home of Kansas Beta.

The new house will be of modern, functional design, and is to be located west of the campus where a new fraternity row is being developed. The structure will house the growing chapter and will cost around one hundred thousand dollars. The house is planned for occupancy in the fall of 1951.

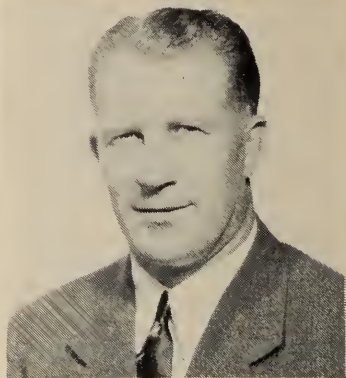
The present home, which was built in 1915, has become too small for Kansas Beta's growing chapter, which numbers 81, of whom 21 are pledges.

The Alumni Corporation and the active chapter have been co-operating on the new house project. Several plans have been studied and the best ideas from each are going to be incorporated in a modern new home for the Sig Eps at Kansas State. The Alumni Corporation, under the guidance of President David Mackintosh, has engaged an architect to draw up the final plans.

The finance committee is headed by R. N. Sears and Conrad Erickson.

Fritz Knorr, C. O. Grandfield, and Verne Boyd, of the building committee have been studying various plans, and have been consulting with architects on costs of materials and construction types. Fritz Knorr, besides his duties as baseball coach here at Kansas State, is our faculty adviser and is treasurer of the

The new house at Santa Barbara.



K-State stalwart Fritz Knorr, '32

Alumni Corporation. Fritz has been helping with ideas to keep the chapter budget to a minimum in order to save for the new house.

The publicity has been handled very ably by Milo Etrick and Emil Von Reisen. Numerous letters and pamphlets have been printed and sent to the alumni, informing them of the progress in planning.

—PHIL PETERSON

## San Diego Begins Drive

With 40 actives and 6 pledges California Delta Chapter has begun to feel a stronger need for a suitable house. After being given six months to start construction by the City Planning Commission, committees were initiated for the raising of necessary funds. Three groups—the actives, the alumni, and the newly formed mothers' and wives' club are battling for top place on a three-thermometer chart.

A thermometer is designated for each team with the following quotas: actives \$4,000, alumni \$4,000, Sig-Ettes \$2,000.

The drive started officially on April 2 when a "Lot Warming" was staged on our building lot. At the "Lot Warming" a ceremony was held where the mortgage note was burned, signifying to the world that the lot is now free from debt and that the next step—building—is ready to be taken.

The active chapter is raising its money by means of a carnival, including a bingo benefit, selling magazine subscriptions, raising money through social events, and by individual pledges from all of the members.

It is sincerely hoped by all that we will be able to start construction as soon as possible when the necessary money is obtained, making Sigma Phi Epsilon the first fraternity to have a house adjacent to the college campus.

—SAM G. DAWSON





Here is a group of Sigma Phi Epsilon's best chapter papers.

# Panther's Tale Is Well Told

The alert newspaper of the house at Middlebury College gets nod for 1949-50 Benjamin Hobson Frayser Award over a record field of thirty-two entries.

MORE AND MORE, competent chapter house leaders realize that the chapter papers are powerful instruments for stronger fraternity. When years pass and the chapter has issued no bulletin to its alumni, then it may be concluded with certainty that a tie which should exist for full fraternity happiness does not exist.

When one reviews the history of chapter paper publication through the years, it may be seen that the chapters that have neglected to publish papers, or issue them with regularity, are lacking in proper pride and are simply not "group-hearted" in the sense that the best chapters are. They are neglecting their alumni.

However, papers seem to be getting better and their numbers are increasing.

To stimulate and encourage the publication of chapter papers, the mother of Benjamin Hobson Frayser, Tennessee Alpha, some years ago gave funds to the Grand Chapter for establishment of a chapter paper award in memory of her son who had passed on.

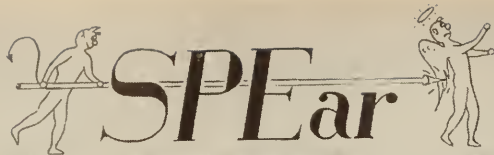
Before World War II, there were never more than 20 papers submitted in the award competition. During the war years this number dwindled to less than a dozen papers. Thus for 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46, and 1946-47, no award was made.

For the 1947-48 term, when the Frayser Plaque was awarded to Kentucky Alpha for its excellent *Saga*, 26 papers were considered in the judging. For the 1948-49 term, when Virginia Eta's *Sig Ep Cavalier* received the nod, 27 papers were submitted. For the 1949-50 term now under consideration, the record number of 32 papers were considered.

Most of these papers are very even as to quality. Ted Bush of Oregon Beta, director of public relations for Multnomah College, Portland, Ore., who has assisted the JOURNAL editor in evaluating the publications, said that "The big weakness that I saw in the whole group was the lack of alumni news."

The papers were hard to judge. Almost a dozen were very good, though no single one



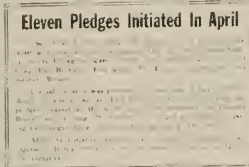


## Mother's Day Big Success

This year the Sig Eps again entertained their mothers, however the dinner was held at Vassar. Half on the campus, however, of lack of some of the house. About 25 mothers were here for the day, several driving over and others.

During dinner, Bill Kates read a Mothers Day poem and presented Mom Fitzgeralds and Mrs. Nelson, our coach, with

Gene Andrews  
Is Sig Ep Prexy



## Eleven Pledges Initiated In April

## Sigma Phi Epsilon Songsters Place Third In Annual Hesperia Sing

Each spring, Hesperia, student girls, have an association sponsors a "Hesperia Sing," which is open to all organizations on the campus. In the past, all men in Sigma Phi Epsilon participated in the sing, but this year only those desiring to sing participated. Each night, from 6:30 to 7:30 for three weeks prior to the sing, beautiful melodies were heard over

## Those Who Wear The Golden Heart



The Golden Heart is a symbol of honor and achievement. It is awarded to those who have shown exceptional leadership and service to the organization. The award is given to those who have made significant contributions to the organization and its members.

**The SPEar, Colorado Gamma's quarterly, is a fullfledged journalistic effort.**

was outstanding. Those found topnotch, in alphabetical order, are California's *Sig Episodes*, Cornell's *The NYB*, Florida's *The Gator Heart*, Indiana's *Heartbeat*, Middlebury's *The Panther's Tale*, Missouri's *Sig Ep Tiger*, Missouri Mines' *Mogamma*, New York University's *Gammazette*, and Stetson's *Beta Data*.

Among these, *The Panther's Tale* of Vermont Beta got the nod. Two of the judging committee thought it second best of the lot, while one judged it the best. Archie Blirer, New Jersey Alpha, onetime editor of the paper of the Stevens Sig Eps, said that it especially excelled in the handling and presentation of alumni news.

The *NYB* of Cornell, edited by David Pinkham, was also given a high rating for its treatment of alumni news. Right now this chapter is extremely enterprising in this respect since Cornellians are raising funds for a new house.

The *Sig Ep Tiger*, issued quarterly, edited by Roger Atkinson, is in many ways clearly the best of them all and yet its December, 1949, issue contained virtually no news of the alumni. Typographically and from the standpoint of newspaper mechanics, this paper seems superior to *The*

*Panther's Tale*, which is printed on a paper which does not at all do justice to the cuts. However, the Middlebury paper, edited by Charles C. Mutti, with the assistance of Roland Erickson, Bard Lindeman, and Dick Attwill, reveals superlative balance and no end of effort in including well-written, newsy articles.

Although the Middlebury paper is issued only twice a year, the chapter appears to regard its publication as almost as serious an obligation as the editors of the *New York Times* regard publication of that paper. It is a wholehearted job.

There is no chapter paper, with the possible exception of the *Delalphan* of Delaware Alpha, which reflects a similar expenditure of plain toil. *The Delalphan*, incidentally, edited by John L. Fossett, with Les Riggs as associate editor, is a monthly, which is in itself a remarkable achievement, and in six years it has not defaulted on its schedule.

It is sad to note that the 1948-49 winner of the Frayser Award—Virginia's *Cavalier*—has not been published this term. Also absent from the competition were the *Deltaurian* of Massachusetts Beta and two former Frayser Award winners—Kentucky's *Sig Ep Saga* and Kansas State's 30-year-old *Hoop of Steel*, once too glibly referred to in the *JOURNAL* as "a never-failing oldtimer."

There is no question that the editor of the *Cavalier*, Jack Hunter, performed a real trick with the high journalistic skill and knack of editorship that were his, but it was a one-shot play and therefore of no cumulative value with respect to Virginia Eta and its alumni.

The best editors of chapter papers know that effective publication plans must be of long range, and they will train understudies who, first of all, are willing to regard the task of editorship as a high responsibility to the chapter.

One paper which is doubtlessly endearing itself to the alumni is the *Heartbeat* of the men at Indiana. Edited by Bill Allen in a terse, newsy, readable fashion, it is dependable. The alumni will know they can expect to receive it with regularity.

The *Sig Episodes* of California Alpha, edited by Norman Nuck, reminds columnist Dick De Mattos of his suit, he says. "It hits

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# Alum Notes

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the press once a year." Nevertheless, these boys have been coming through with their paper for three years now, and they deserve high praise for a paper that has an extremely snappy and readable touch.

Equally first-rate along the same lines is Ohio Wesleyan's *Sig Epic Alum Notes*, edited by Darrell Maddox and Kenneth Gettelman. The alumni know they can depend on it.

*The Gator Heart* of Florida, edited by Jack Fortes and Joe Liuzzo, is published twice a semester, contains a good balance of news skillfully and proportionately presented.

*The Gammazette* of N.Y.U., which was launched as a mimeographed sheet only two or three years ago, has steadily improved and today ranks with the best of them. Well illustrated, recent issues have been edited by Jim Morisseau.

*The Mogamma* of the Missouri Mines chapter is a three-column, well illustrated, well printed publication issued twice a year under the editorship of Bill Shepard.

The chapter at Purdue has from time to time issued chapter publications under a variety of names. Despite the age of this chapter which received its charter in 1905, only four years after the birth of Sigma Phi Epsilon itself, it has just succeeded in publishing Number 1 of Volume I of a paper entitled *The Alpha Scribe*. Its editors are Dave Bockman and Bob Coleman. This is a good start but there are alumni of this chapter who feel a good start should have been made earlier and continued through the years.

Now that the Conclave at Richmond is only a matter of months in the future, perhaps the *SPidEr SPiEl* of the Richmond chapter will keep up the fine pace set by its April, 1950, issue. Edited by Robert Blackwell, it is a paper of which any chapter would be proud.

In the opinion of the judges the most original of the chapter papers this time is the *Beta Data* of the Stetson boys. Edited by Bill Towne, the front page of its February, 1950, issue is as appealing as that of the *New York Daily News*. Make-up is absolutely A-1. Among the oldtimers that keep up a high standard is the *Sig Ep In-*

## FOUNDER JENKENS HERE FOR INITIATION

District Convention  
Stated Here April

Founders Jenkins And Phillips

Will Read Interpretation  
And Deliver Address



FOUNDERS CARTER and Phillips, who arrived at the conclave. Founder Jenkins will deliver the address at the initiation on Saturday, Feb. 26.

### Chapter Gives Thanks For Assistance, Gifts

The chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, which was organized in 1905, has just received a large number of gifts and assistance from the alumni. The chapter is grateful for the help and support of its members.

### FACULTY TALKS START

The faculty of Ohio Wesleyan University has just begun a series of talks on the history and development of the university. The talks are being given by the faculty members and are open to all students.

*Sig Epic Alum Notes*, Ohio Wesleyan paper, has shown improvement through the years.

dian of the Illinois chapter. Always newsy, it cannot very well shirk its schedule as it sells subscriptions for \$3 a year and therefore must produce. Dick Rodgers is current editor.

Other standbys that have developed rapidly are the *Fusil Oil* of New York Delta, edited by Joe Pape; *The Buff's Heart* of Colorado, edited by William H. Pyle; *Gamma Hawk* of Iowa, edited by Ed Jochumsen; Ohio Northern's *Beacon*, edited by Frank Smith; Lehigh's *Sig Ep Review*, edited by G. Curtis Kline; *SPear* of Colorado A & M, edited by Eugene Miller, with high class cartoons by Joe Phelps; the *Sig Ep Indian* of the Dartmouth chapter, edited by Schuyler Thompson; the *Ohio Gamma News* of Ohio State, edited by Joe Gilmore and Gene Slaymaker.

These are all fine papers which have doubtless become a pleasant reading habit for a combined readership of thousands of alumni. The new ones in the field are excellent also and there is no doubt that many of them will continue now that they have been so handsomely launched. Among these must be counted the *Beta News* of Mississippi State, edited by Jim Peebles; the *Cardiograph* of Oklahoma, by no means a newcomer, really, and edited by Frank E.



## 21 Sig Eps To Graduate June 12

Twenty-one Sig Eps will graduate from Indiana Beta on June 12. These graduates include with nine who were graduated in February and five who will be graduated in August, making a total of 25 graduates for the chapter.

The first Sig Ep of the chapter was elected in 1934. In 1935, the chapter was elected in August. The chapter has since then been a part of the Sig Ep family.

The four Sig Eps who will be graduated in August are Don McRobb, Bob Voss, John Hark, and David Rogers.

## Beta Chapter Wins Radio-Record Player

Phi Kappa Psi, the national organization, has won the radio-record player contest. The chapter has won the contest for the first time in its history.



**SINGING: PLEASANTLY**  
The Sig Ep Singers, from left to right: Don McRobb, Bob Voss, John Hark, and David Rogers. In the back row are: Don McRobb, Bob Voss, John Hark, and David Rogers. In the front row are: Don McRobb, Bob Voss, John Hark, and David Rogers.

## 17 of Planned 30 Pledged for Fall

Seventeen of the planned 30 pledges for the fall semester have been made. The chapter is looking forward to a successful year.

## Sig Ep Singers 'Outstanding'

The Sig Ep Singers have been recognized as an outstanding group. They have won several awards for their performances.

Indiana Beta's minute *Heartbeat* shows editorial skill and snap of a high order.

Virginia chapter's *Cavalier*, last year's award winner, has given up the ghost.

## Sig-Ep Cavalier

## Virginia Eta Pledges Eleven Men

"Passion" Set For Sat. Afternoon House Searches. Comes Up With Perfect Recipe

There's Nothing Like Eggnog To Bring Goodwill

Initiation Ceremonies Scheduled For Shortly Before Semester's End



A double to be sure

Prof. Powell Instructs

SPE Adventurers Travel Into Frozen North For Ski Party

## Great News for Sig Eps in New York

THE wonderful Sig Ep get-togethers that you remember are back again . . . interest-packed meetings, fun-filled socials, top guest speakers are waiting for you at New York Gamma House, 141 West 4th Street.

The welcome mat is out inviting ALL Sig Eps in and around the New York area to renew old and build new friendships with the Sig Ep family in the NEW YORK ALUMNI CHAPTER. So come on over and get in on the good times.

We'll be looking for you at the New York Gamma House, 141 West 4th Street, GRAMERCY 5-9894.





Georgia Alphans won this one 14-9. Left to right: Umpire Earle Singletary (how could they lose?), Opposing catcher, John Schaeffer on deck, and John Slaughter (he did) at bat.

George Chabbott of Utah State sends chips flying in Foresters' log-chopping contest. Contest is on State's intramural schedule.



Colo Mines cage champs (l. to r. back) Bo-chow, Soars, Barrett, Bethurem. Front row: Lee, Van Orden, Patten, and Settlemeyre.



## These Men All Copped Trophies

Muhlenberg cage champs, from left, bottom row: Michels, Moch, Scheipe, Schell, Peifley. Top: Sitler, Papa, Maricher, Martin, Aristide.



Rutgers cage champs. Kneeling: James, Bob Cyphers, Pledge Hughes, Koch. Standing: O'Dwyer, Daalenman, and Pledge Connors.





The new Kansas Sig Ep house provides background for delegates to District XIII meeting.

## Classrooms in Which Fraternity Is Taught

**Every spring, throughout the length and breadth of Sig Ep-land, district governors bring delegates from chapters together for helpful discussion.**

**T**HE chief purpose of District Conventions is to instruct, yet the fellowship value is high, too. The District Governor System, dividing the Fraternity into about 20 districts, was established in 1936.

Meetings are held annually, usually in the spring. Many ideas are proposed at these meetings which result in better and happier chapter house life.

The District Governors are especially devoted to the Fraternity for they get no pay, and the work requires much time and is often difficult.

### **Much Ground Covered at Middlebury**

All six chapters of District I convened at the Middlebury house on April 14-16, for a meeting led by Governor Trueman L. Sanderson and Assistant to the Grand Secretary Frank J. Ruck, Jr.

The chapters present and their delegates were:

1. Massachusetts Alpha, University of Massachusetts, Bill Starkweather, George Nickless, Bob Spiller, Bill Smith and Dick Banning.

2. Massachusetts Beta, Worcester Tech, Carl Luz.

3. Maine Alpha, University of Maine, Howard

Slaney, Jack Seeley, and John Moore.

4. New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth, "Skip" Crawford, Tommy Thompson and Duke Winsor.

5. Vermont Alpha, Norwich, Andy Bartoletto.

6. Vermont Beta, Middlebury, Marshall Figgatt, Chuck Ratte, Merle Smith, Eric Erickson, and Bill Kirby.

The topics covered were those usually covered at district meetings, such as chapter house administration and management, pledge training, national and local relations, and membership qualifications.

District Governor Sanderson suggested that no chapter should be without a library and one effective way of building up a library was through membership in the Book-of-the-Month Club.

### **Share Knowledge at Rutgers**

Delegates from Cornell, Syracuse, Rensselaer, Stevens, New York University and Rutgers, the member schools of District II, met on the Rutgers campus over the weekend of April 14 for the annual District II convention.

Robert E. Bromley, District Governor,



presided, assisted by Frank Adams, president of the host chapter. Senior Grand Marshal Robert W. Kelly was present to answer delegates' questions on operation and policies of the National.

At a business meeting which lasted all day Saturday, April 15, delegates discussed and shared suggestions on scholarship, rushing, pledging, finances, alumni relations, and discrimination.

The convention ended with a house party Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning.

Tentative plans have been made to convene next year at Rensselaer.

**Muhlenberg Is Host**

The District III convention was held at Muhlenberg May 6 and 7, with five chapters: Penn, Temple, Lehigh, Johns Hopkins, and Muhlenberg being represented. Delaware was unable to attend.

Guests were J. Bedford Wooley, Pennsylvania Delta, Ray McCron, assistant to the Grand Secretary, and Carl Criswell, Pennsylvania Iota's faculty adviser, and Muhlenberg's dean of faculty, Sherwood E. Mercer (Alpha Chi Rho).

Walter Schray, president of Pennsylvania Iota, the host chapter, was in charge of proceedings in the absence of H. Denton Kriebel, who has since been succeeded by Bed Wooley as governor.



Grand Secretary Hindman speaks at Ohio Wesleyan. At his left is Junior Grand Marshal-elect Charles F. Stewart; at right Junior Grand Marshal J. Russell Pratt, District IX Governor Harry Kurtz.

**Discuss Pilgrimage of Neophyte**

The convention of District V, comprised of the Duke, Carolina, Wake Forest, Davidson, and N.C. State chapters, was held at the chapter house at Carolina the weekend of April 22 and 23. The discussion periods started Saturday morning and continued through that afternoon with several breaks. That night there was a banquet at the house and an address by Dr. Hugh Holman of Carolina. After the banquet everyone stayed for a most enjoyable beer party. There was a short discussion period Sunday morning and the event wound up by a dinner out.

The discussion topics covered the usual

Delegates to District II convention at Rutgers. Standing directly under the heart are Senior Grand Marshal Robert W. Kelly and District Governor Robert E. Bromley.





material. We discussed the brother from the time before his pledge, through rush week, through his pledge training, his initiation, through his period of being an active brother, and on into his being an active alumnus. Bedford Black, N.C. '41, gave a most interesting explanation of the active alumni from Wake Forest and the work that they had accomplished in past years. Discussion periods were held on rushing, scholarship, the next Sig Ep Ball, and contact with the alumni. The convention was led by former District Governor Harold Weaver, an alumnus of Carolina.

### Delegates Pick New Governor

Appointment of a new Governor for District VIII resulted when delegates of the District selected a candidate for the position at a convention held at the Kentucky Alpha Chapter House in Lexington the last of February.

Dick Panther, former president of the Louisville Alumni Chapter, recently received his appointment by the Grand Chapter after the convention chose to recommend him to succeed C. Haynes Barnes of Knoxville, Tenn., who resigned the office in February.

After having gone for more than ten years without a District Convention, the boys of Kentucky Alpha returned from Chicago determined to carry out plans for such a meet-

ing and to revive inter-chapter activity within the district.

Bill Reese and Melvin Duke, both of Kentucky Alpha, planned the one-day session for months before it actually took place. Jack Wayman, president of the chapter, and all the Lexington boys threw out the welcome mat.

Field Secretary Gus Schmidt was on hand and was elected chairman of the convention.

Selection of a candidate for the office of District Governor was the important topic of the morning session. After the selection of Panther for recommendation to the Grand Chapter, Enoch Mitchell, nominee of Tennessee Beta, was chosen as candidate for the position of assistant District Governor should the Grand Chapter choose to appoint one.

Rushing, pledge training, scholarship, chapter house management and administration, and active and alumni relations were among topics of discussion.

Other business concerned the financing of conventions, the ideal time for which to plan them, and the time and the place for the next convention.

Delegates of the chapters were: Paul Pomeroy and Jack Martin, Tennessee Alpha; Joe Kavanaugh and Jim Shangle, Tennessee Beta; Melvin Duke and Bill Reese, Kentucky Alpha; Bob Panther and Dawson Orman, Kentucky Beta; and Al Simon and Dick

Kentucky and Tennessee chapters at convention. Former Field Secretary Gus Schmidt stands at extreme left. Third from left, District Governor Dick Panther.





District III convention at Muhlenberg. Ray C. McCron is at extreme left bottom row.

Garot, Louisville Alumni. None of the delegates had ever attended a district convention.

More than thirty delegates and visitors also attended the Saturday night house party and agreed that the beauty of Kentucky Alpha's 35-room mansion was surpassed only by the beauty of the U. of K. dates the brothers provided for the visitors!

### Joint Conference at Ohio Wesleyan

Ohio Epsilon played host to the 13 active chapters and eight alumni chapters of two districts—IX and X. It was a full weekend, with everything from the requisites of a good fraternity man to internal dissension being discussed.

Harry Kurtz, governor of District IX, was present as was Bob Pitt, governor of District X. Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., and Junior Grand Marshall-elect Charles F. Stewart addressed the gathering.

Wally Edwards, president of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, demonstrated that alumni are eager to help with active chapter problems.

The 1951 convention will be held at Purdue.

### Propose District Sports Program

Kansas Gamma was host for the convention of District XIII, at which were represented all the Kansas chapters (Baker, K. U., and K-State) as well as Nebraska, Missouri, Washington U, Missouri Mines, and Drury. Governor W. E. Rogers presided, assisted

by St. Louis alumni president H. S. McCrary.

Topics included rushing and pledging, pledge training, scholarship, chapter administration, alumni relations, public relations, chapter finance, and the social program.

A formal meeting was held on Sunday, presided over by Kansas president Don Glasco, during which Charles Steele, Kansas Gamma, was inducted in a model initiation.

A discussion was held and an inter-chapter sports program proposed for the groups in the district.

Missouri was named as host for the 1951 meeting.

### Alumni Offer Guidance

Tulsa was host for the District XIV Convention April 15 and 16 with Tulsan Fred H. Murdock, District Governor, in charge. A number of interesting discussions were led by Tulsa alumni. Joe F. Haines, past president of the Tulsa Real Estate Board, gave a very fine talk on "Alumni Relations with the Active Chapter." Past Grand President Larkin Bailey, always taking an active part, led a very interesting discussion on "Internal Dissension."

### Diagnosis of Scholarship Problems

A spring blizzard in Logan, Utah, handicapped the convention of District XV April 29-30. All chapters were represented except Colorado Gamma. Attendance totaled about 90.





District I convention (New England chapters). Assistant to the Grand Secretary Frank J. Ruck, Jr. and District Governor Truman L. Sanderson stand at the left in the middle row.

The convention was called to order by President Elner Thompson, Utah Alpha. Past President Robert L. Ryan, Grand Vice-president William C. Smolenske, and Donald W. Oakes (adviser to Utah Beta) and Lyle Holmgren also greeted the assembly. District Governor Dr. William C. Smolenske then stated the purpose of the convention and the results he hoped would be attained.

Papers on chapter house management and administration were given by Robert Townsend, president of Colorado Alpha, and Kenneth Caldwell, president of Colorado Beta. Success in this field was ascribed largely by both delegates to the use of a junior as housemanager with an overseer, a senior, being house manager the year before. Management of study hours was found to be of necessity strictly tailored to the individual chapter's personnel and situation. Daryl Chase, dean of Students at Utah State, gave an address on scholarship stating that the qualities of "sustained leadership" are insurance of progress in building a fraternity. Scholarship is not particularly the high point of fraternity life, but success in making a well-rounded person is what a Fraternity should strive for. He recommended personal diagnosis of low scholarship problems.

Afternoon discussion centered on constructive pledge training, by John Reecy, president of Wyoming Alpha, and Dick McDonald, Utah Alpha.

Utah Beta delegate and president Edwin Burgoyne spoke on qualities of a good fraternity man.

"Successful Financing of a Chapter" was covered by Tom Montgomery, New Mexico Alpha, and Thomaz Stoddard, Colorado Delta. It was agreed that "Brotherhood stops at the door of the Comptroller's office."

Matt McBride stressed, among other things, the advantages of early summer rushing, and letters to the high school graduates.

Past Grand President Robert Ryan led the open forum, reminding that bad publicity is always noted before good publicity, and lurid photos should be avoided.

Saturday evening the conventioners journeyed up Logan Canyon to Zanavoo Lodge for their banquet, where they were greeted by U.S.A.C.'s President Harris. Mac Gardner, a pledge of the host chapter, was master of ceremonies. Colorado Beta's vocal quartet delighted the men with song after song and Utah Beta's Conway Benson entertained with sleight of hand performances. Bob Ryan warmed our hearts with the provocative address, "Our Fraternity."

Sunday morning, initiations were held for Michael Dake, honored pledge for Utah Alpha and Conway Benson of Utah Beta.

Lyle Holmgren spoke on alumni relations. He said the sure way to success along this line is "through the *personality* of the members, the *intelligence* of the group, and the *willingness* to work, individually and together."

Without alumni interest no fraternity can become truly great. But a chapter is *not good* because the alumni take an interest. The alumni take an active interest because the chapter is *good*.





Congratulating Dick Panther on his becoming governor of District VIII is former Field Secretary Gus Schmidt, second from left, during the afternoon session of the convention held at the Kentucky Alpha house in Lexington. From left, Joe Kavanaugh, Tennessee Beta; Schmidt; Al Simon, president of the Louisville alumni; Panther; Jack Wayman, president of Kentucky Alpha; Paul Pomeroy, Tennessee Alpha; Bill Reese, Kentucky Alpha; and Dawson Orman, Kentucky Beta. Photo by Ralph Shell, Kentucky Alpha.

### Dubach Sets Pace at Missoula

Districts XVI and XVII, representing chapters in Oregon, Washington, and Montana held their joint district conclave at Montana Alpha, Missoula, Mont., May 6. Approximately 35 men were present for the all-day session. The program was conducted in the single day because some of the delegates had to travel over 700 miles to attend. Presiding were: Lloyd Hogan, governor of District XVI, and Ted J. Bush, acting governor of District XVII.

National Scholarship Chairman Dr. U. G. Dubach, set the pace for a fast moving get-together with his opening address "Sigma Phi Epsilon, A Way of Life."

Brother Hogan left no stone unturned in organizing the meeting which included discussions of fraternity ideals, scholarship, chapter administration, chapter management and finance, rushing and pledging, pledge training and social program as part of education.

The final panel on building and maintaining alumni interest was led by Ralph Fields, former governor of District XVI.

Grand Guard Frank H. Hamack, was the speaker for the banquet which was held at the Montmartre Cafe and officially closed

the meeting. Following the banquet Montana Alpha was host at a Western dance in the Florentine Gardens of the Hotel Florence.

### All-Cal Meeting at Berkeley

The 1950 District XVIII conclave was held on the weekend of April 15-16 at the Cal Alpha house at Berkeley. Brothers from U.S.C., Santa Barbara, and San Diego State journeyed some 400 to 500 miles north to attend. Such topics as rushing and pledging, alumni relations, fraternity university relations, chapter house management and administration, pledge training, and scholarship were discussed. A stag banquet was held in honor of our visiting brothers that Saturday night followed by a dance at the Lake Merritt Hotel. The conclave was headed by Paul Slater, district governor; Robert Ryan, past Grand President; and Robert L. Ray, assistant district governor.

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★ ★ *Humanity has never gained anything from the efforts of the crowd. It is driven onward by the passion of a few abnormal individuals.*

—ALEXIS CARREL

# Good of the Order

## ★ PREPARATIONS IN THE EVENT OF A CRISIS ★

By WILLIAM W. HINDMAN, JR., Grand Secretary

THIS present period of crisis finds our Fraternity in the best condition it has ever enjoyed. We have more top grade undergraduate and alumni members in more chapters, that are in better financial condition and occupy a greater number of top positions on their respective campuses, than ever before in the history of our organization.

Our organization has just completed another outstanding year. This time last year we had 98 chapters. During this past school year we have added 4 new chapters, as well as having installed 4 alumni chapters. On February 6, 1950, and April 26, 1950, additional milestones were passed when we initiated our 34,000th and 35,000th members. As of the end of our fiscal year, June 30, our records show that we have initiated over 2,200 men and pledged nearly 3,100 men during the past year.

The one serious problem which all of our chapters face is the possibility of a sudden or gradual decrease in membership because of war conditions. The success or failure during the coming year of each and every one of our chapters depends almost entirely upon whether or not this problem can be properly solved. If it is handled satisfactorily, there will be no necessity for any of us to worry very much about the numerous inconveniences which we can expect to occur because of our country's transition to a wartime economy, as these can be taken care of as they happen.

Latest reports from Washington indicate that Selective Service Headquarters is recommending to all the Local Draft Boards that students who have completed a year or more of college, who were in the upper 50 percent of their class last year, be deferred and allowed to return to college this fall. In addition, it is our understanding that the Selective Service Headquarters is also recommending to the Local Draft Boards that any student who is already enrolled and attending college when his number is called be deferred until the end of the school term, and possibly even the school year. There is a good likelihood that men enrolled in college who are junior and senior R.O.T.C. students, or in various Army, Navy, and Air Corps Officer Training Programs, will be allowed to finish their courses. Although this present condition, of course, is subject to immediate change, it seems only logical for each of our chapters to take these factors into consideration in their all-out rushing campaign this summer and fall.

High regard for good scholarship is, of course,



Judge F. R. Hocker, Washington and Lee, '09, new governor of the Florida district.

shared by Scholarship Chairman Dr. Dubach and the rest of our Grand Chapter officers, and is something all of us in Sigma Phi Epsilon should constantly be striving to improve. You should keep this important fact in mind when looking for good prospects for your chapter.

### **The District System**

DISTRICT III lost a good district governor when H. Denton Kriebel, Pennsylvania Iota, resigned last May, but it has an equally good one to carry forth the work of the district in the person of J. Bedford Wooley, Pennsylvania Delta, '17, an architect of Philadelphia.

Brother Wooley has his own architectural firm at 1935 Chestnut Street, and lives in the suburban community of Haverford with his wife and son, J. Bedford, Jr.

While an undergraduate Bed Wooley held two offices in his chapter—vice-president and steward. For three years he participated in intercollegiate wrestling and one year captained the team. He also took part in rowing.

He has kept up his interest in all things pertaining to Sig Ep and at the present time is a director of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Club of Philadelphia, Inc., and of the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation. He is also at present vice-



president (he is a charter member) of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter and a director and secretary-treasurer of the Interfraternity Alumni Council. He served the Penn Delta Foundation as a delegate to the Chicago Conclave in 1949.

### ***Cincinnati Conference***

PROGRESS of the Fraternity and extension of service were two of the topics emphasized at the Cincinnati meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter. Held at the Hotel Terrace Plaza on September 5, 6, and 7, the sessions witnessed the rise to the Grand Presidency of Dr. William C. Smolenske of Denver, who has come up through the chairs, and for nearly a decade has served actively as the governor of the district embracing the Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and New Mexico chapters.

Charles S. Thompson of Philadelphia became immediate past Grand President.

Charles F. Stewart of Cleveland, who was elected Junior Grand Marshal-elect at the Chicago Conclave in 1949, assumed a place on the Committee for the first time.

Luis J. Roberts is now Grand Vice-President; Frank H. Hamack, Grand Historian; Robert W. Kelly, Grand Guard; and J. Russell Pratt, Senior Grand Marshal.

Other Grand officers present were Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan and Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr. Also present was that veteran of nearly half a century of fraternity building—Grand Secretary Emeritus William L. Phillips.

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund held their annual meeting at the same time, to review and plan the Fraternity's investment program. Judge Earle W. Frost is the outgoing chairman, other trustees being Robert L. Ryan, Walter C. Fly, Larkin Bailey, Charles S. Thompson, and William W. Hindman, Jr., secretary of the board.

### **The Central Office**

Grand Secretary Hindman provided a stimulating agenda for the three-day discussions. In his extensive report on the past year's activities, he was assisted by Assistant to the Grand Secretary Frank J. Ruck, Jr. and Field Secretary Carl O. Petersen. Present at an Executive Committee meeting for the first time were the new field men—Al Mezo, George Salt, and Matt McBride.

Subjects on which the Grand Secretary and his staff reported included chapter conditions, the district governor system, expansion, the approaching Conclave, Central Office publications, the National Interfraternity Conference, scholarship, the national headquarters, alumni relations, and the newly established Sigma Phi Epsilon Camp Fund.

For the first time since he joined the Central Office staff in 1946, Assistant to the Grand

Secretary Ray C. McCron was absent from the meeting. He had been recalled to the service as a second lieutenant in the Army and was at Fort Lee, Va., taking his physical examination when the meeting opened.

It was announced that Mrs. Catharine Mathews had joined the Central Office staff as an accountant on September 1.

### **Board Changes**

Robert L. Ryan was elected to succeed Judge Frost as chairman of the trustees of the Endowment Fund while Charles Thompson became a regular member of the Board. Judge Frost was elected to a three-year term on the Student Loan Board, the term of William A. Hanley having expired.

Herb Smith was re-elected to the board of the National Headquarters Corporation, and Luis J. Roberts was elected to serve on the board for the first time.

### **The JOURNAL**

A committee was appointed to study further a feasible *Journal* life subscription plan and present it to the Executive Committee in time for consideration at the Richmond Conclave in 1951. Members of this committee are Hindman, Buchanan, Kelly, and Robson.

### **N.I.C.**

Hindman, who is vice-president of the College Fraternity Secretaries Association, reported both on the 1949 Washington N. I. C. meeting and on the secretaries' and editors' meetings held at Taunton, Mass., in the summer. Thompson recommended that Conference agenda be sent in advance to national offices of fraternities in time to help them prepare for discussion at the sessions. He also pointed out that these conferences cry out in their great need for significant undergraduate perspective.

Smolenske, Hindman, Robson, Phillips, and Thompson were appointed delegates and alternate delegates for the 1950 meeting in New York at Thanksgiving.

### **Between Sessions**

Sig Ep's top brass found Cincinnati a lovely city, and Brothers Frost, Fly, Smolenske, Buchanan, Hamack, Kelly, and Pratt, who brought their wives, had the most fun seeing it. Many crossed the river and were beguiled by a night view of Kentucky's bluegrass.

After dinner on the second night a visit was paid to the campus at Cincinnati and the Sig Ep house at 264 Calhoun Street where a rush party was in progress.

At a Grand Chapter dinner on Wednesday night honoring the incoming officers, who had been installed by Brother Phillips that afternoon, the Grand President's badge was presented by Buchanan to the outgoing G.P. Thompson.

# Sig Epic Achievement



Chief Justice Edward Wren Hudgins, former president of mother chapter at Richmond.

## Where Are They Now?

Judge Edward Wren Hudgins, who became a Sig Ep in the year the Fraternity was founded, is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State of Virginia.

IN A DAY when it has become fashionable to honor anniversaries—or rather to honor the men of achievement who have attained them—the JOURNAL selects for special mention Chief Justice Edward Wren Hudgins of the Supreme Court of Appeals of the state of Virginia.

Judge Hudgins, who became a Sig Ep in 1901, the year of the Fraternity's founding, being the sixteenth or seventeenth initiate of the alpha chapter, has served Virginia's highest tribunal for 20 years.

This distinguished Richmond College graduate who served as president of Vir-

ginia Alpha chapter in 1905, and in 1907 attended the Richmond Conclave as its delegate, was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1930 and served continuously in that capacity until 1947 when he became Chief Justice.

Prior to his elevation to the appellate bench he was a Circuit Court judge for four years. Earlier in his career Chief Justice Hudgins was a member of the House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly. He was a delegate from Virginia to the Democratic National Convention in New York in 1924.

He has served as chairman of the Judicial Council for Virginia, and is at present time both president of the Judicial Conference of Virginia and vice-chairman of the Conference of Chief Justices of the 48 states. Last year the chief justices from all over the country met in St. Louis for the first time in history in order to discuss and work on judicial matters common to all courts. Chief Justice Hudgins of Virginia was chosen vice-chairman. The second such conference was held in Richmond last month. Chief Justice Hudgins is a member of the American Bar Association, American Law Institute, and Virginia State Bar Association.

He has been a leader of the Baptists in Virginia for many years. He is a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Chase City and taught the men's Sunday school class of that church for several decades. He is a former president of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education and also a former moderator of the Concord Association. Chief Justice Hudgins is a member of the board of trustees of both the University of Richmond and Fork Union Military Academy.

A Phi Beta Kappa, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Richmond in 1905, his LL.B. degree in 1908, and was awarded an LL.D. from the same institution.

It is hoped that Justice Edward Wren Hudgins will attend the Golden Anniversary Conclave of Sigma Phi Epsilon next September as a pioneer builder of our brotherhood.



## Gerow Retires

Lt. Gen. Leonard Townsend Gerow, Virginia Theta, one of the great field commanders of World War II, has retired from the Army.

Upon his retirement the press of the nation paid tribute to his career, at a time when all news stories tended to be overshadowed by war news from Korea.

Among the newspapers thus paying tribute was the *Detroit News* which commented editorially as follows:

Overshadowed by the news from the Korean front, the retirement of Lieut. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow from the United States Army the other day, because of age, was scarcely given notice by his countrymen.

But "Gee" Gerow, as he was affectionately called in the Army, is a man to be remembered.

He was the victor in the fight for Omaha Beachhead, the most difficult part of the maneuver by which we entered Normandy and liberated Europe. Had he failed at Omaha, the whole venture would have collapsed, and Germany's defeat would have been delayed by many months.

To his contemporaries, that which has distinguished Gerow above the many other brilliant military leaders of his time is not so much his fighting heart and his unflagging interest in the welfare of troops, but his tremendous integrity. He is the epitome of character, forthright in speech, homespun in manner, and incorruptible in his dealings with all other men.



New Superintendent of Schools at Portsmouth, Va., A. J. Mapp, College of William & Mary.



Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, Virginia Theta, as he appeared at the Conclave in 1949.

He was Chief of Operations on the General Staff at the time of Pearl Harbor. When, in the postwar period, a Senate Committee called him to testify as to why certain things had gone wrong in the bureaus in the hours leading to that terrible event, Gerow said simply that he had the operational responsibility, and that for errors made, he was prepared to take the blame.

## Heads Portsmouth Schools

A. J. Mapp, Virginia Delta, was elected superintendent of Portsmouth, Va., Public Schools in May, having been elevated through the city system. He had served as principal of the Churchland High and Elementary school of Portsmouth and for 15 years was principal of the Port Norfolk and Pinners Point elementary schools.

A past president of the Hampton Roads chapter of the National Vocational Guidance Association, he also has served as a member of the Virginia State Executive Committee of the National Vocational Guidance Association and on a nation-wide scale as publicity chairman of the National Vocational Guidance Association. He was recently elected vice-president of the Virginia Association of Guidance and Personnel Workers.

Mapp was the sole representative of Virginia public schools on the Hampton Roads-Peninsula War Studies Committee, a group



Charles Garside, Cornell, Blue Cross head.

financed by the Rockefeller Foundation. His analysis of the impact of World War II upon public schools, written in connection with the project was used as a supplementary text in sociology classes at the College of William and Mary.

Mapp's administrative ability was recognized when he was named civilian adviser to Commodore Lisle Small in the establishment of St. Helena, an extension set up by the College of William and Mary for the education of veterans. Later, in the employ of the college, he directed the organization of the new division.

### **Heads N.Y. Blue Cross**

Charles Garside, New York Beta, '21, has retired from his legal practice to accept the presidency of Associated Hospital Service (the New York Blue Cross), the headquarters of which are at 80 Lexington Avenue, New York City. He had been a member of the board since 1949 and was chairman of the New York State Commission against Discrimination from 1947 to 1949. He was justice of the New York City Municipal Court during 1934 and 1935.

He is a trustee of the Citizens Budget

Commission and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He serves the University of the State of New York as a trustee, a member of the executive committee, and chairman of the committee on medical education centers.

His educational activities also include membership in the advisory council of the department of economic and social institutions, Princeton University; and in the advisory committee of the Ditson Fund, Columbia University.

As director of the International Division of the Medical and Supply Service during World War II, with the rank of Colonel, Brother Garside supervised the distribution of medical supplies to Lend Lease nations. In 1943, he was a member of the United States Army quinine mission to Central and South America.

### **Young Democrat**

Bedford W. Black, North Carolina Zeta, '41, Kannapolis, N.C., attorney, alumni treasurer of his chapter, is a regional director of Young Democratic Clubs of America, and attended a planning conference of this organization at Kansas City, Mo., in August. His region includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia.

### **Press Official**

Frank E. Heaston, Oklahoma Beta, '49, was appointed assistant secretary-manager of the Oklahoma Press Association in February.

At OU, he was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary professional advertising fraternity for freshman men, and was historian for Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity for men. He has served as pledge president, pledge trainer, rush chairman, historian and public relations chairman of his Sig Ep chapter. Frank is the new president of the Sig Ep alumni group in Oklahoma City.

He lacks only completion of his thesis for a master's degree in journalism from OU. He finished his course work in January. He



worked as a graduate assistant in the school of journalism, conducting the copy reading laboratory for junior students and grading papers.

He worked as a student assistant in the advertising department in 1948 and 1949. For a time he was stationed at the U. S. Naval School at Davisville, R.I.

### **Acting College President**

June Commencement ceremonies at the University of Delaware were presided over by a University of Wisconsin Sig Ep—Allan P. Colburn, '26, who has been serving as acting president of the University.

### **Research Recognized**

Charles C. Palmer, M.D., Delaware Alpha, a member of the Haskell Research Foundation at the University of Delaware, has received national recognition for his studies of mastitis and brucellosis. His work has been directed toward the discovery of good immunizing strains in the search of vaccines for protection of animals from mastitis, and both animals and humans from brucellosis.

### **Fruit Expert Retires**

Clarence P. Wilson, D.C. Alpha, one of the nation's leading authorities on citrus by-products, has retired from his post as director of products research for the Sunkist marketing cooperative. He first came to Southern California in 1911 as a staff member of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to organize its fruit and vegetable chemistry laboratory.

### **Wins Ad Award**

Dwayne W. S. Heathman, Oregon Beta, '46, account executive with McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency in Portland, won first place for the second consecutive year in Portland's transit advertising contest for a car card. Awards are made to the originator of the idea and to the artist developing the idea. Heathman's award was made in the utilities division for cards advertising the Portland Gas and Coke Company.



John Chapman, Colorado, drama critic of the *New York Daily News*, great morning tabloid.

### **Mean Critic**

John Chapman, Colorado Alpha, drama critic of the *New York Daily News*, spoke at a Rotary Club luncheon in Kansas City in July. En route to the West Coast and back with his wife and 19-year-old daughter, Chapman, who is president of the New York Drama Critics' Circle and editor of the *Best Plays* yearbook, told listeners that he thinks television will aid the theater. He believes people who see actors and plays on TV will grow more eager to see them in person.

He said: "A critic has to have a thick skin. People imagine critics as having personality. I'm not that way. I'm just mean."

### **Light Chairman**

Robert I. Bull, Virginia Epsilon, '35, has been appointed chairman of the Edison Electric Institute's national commercial lighting committee for 1950-51. Situated in Canton, Ohio, he is commercial sales supervisor for the Ohio Power Company, where he has worked for 15 years. The committee's promotional and research work will be made available to the 198 utilities which comprise the E.E.I.

### **Busline President**

Theodore L. James, Nebraska Alpha, '30, all-Big Six Conference football selection for the Cornhuskers in 1928, has been elected president of the American Buslines and its subsidiary, Burlington Transportation Company, Chicago, Ill.

### **Man of the Month**

Donald B. Cuthbert, Wisconsin Beta, '35, was named "Man of the Month" in August by the Beloit, Wis., Association of Commerce. Director of music in the public schools of Beloit, Cuthbert, who was an outstanding lineman for the Badgers and a distinguished musician while at Madison, was eulogized in part as follows: "When Don Cuthbert came to Beloit 12 years ago, we would guess that less than 20 youngsters in the city could play a band instrument. Today there are thousands."

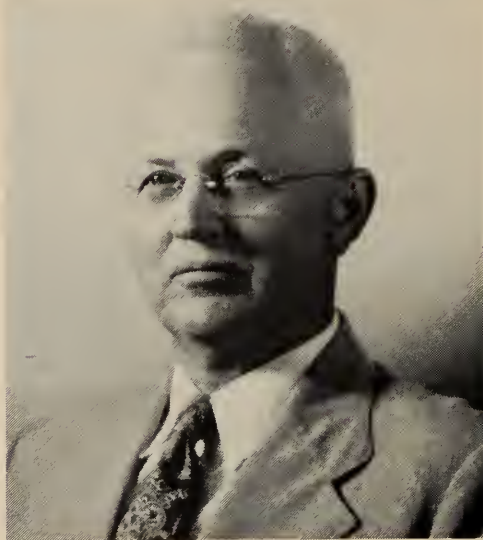
### **Garden Editor**

Walter Adams, Iowa Beta, '34, has been made special features editor of *Better Homes & Gardens*, a leading magazine in the home field published by the Meredith Publishing Company, Des Moines, Iowa. He will also serve as assistant to the editor on presentation and subject matter.

Adams, former assistant editor of *American Boy* magazine, joined Merediths in 1938 as an assistant editor. He served as gardening editor from 1941 to 1944 and as general department editor in 1944 and 1945. He worked as a free lance writer in 1946 and 1947 and returned to *Better Homes & Gardens* as an associate editor in 1948.

### **Credit for Credit Work**

Dale Boley, Missouri Alpha, manager of the adjustment department of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, was one of four winners of international achievement awards given at the recent annual convention of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America at Cincinnati. The award is for all-around excellence and efficiency in the operations of his department.



Ohio State professor of education E. E. Lewis.

### **Fratres in Facultate**

Dr. Ervin E. Lewis, Iowa Gamma, professor of education at Ohio State, has served on the faculties of the universities of Chicago, Michigan, Wyoming, and Northwestern. He was appointed to a special committee of the nation's top educators in 1948 for the purpose of going to Japan and establishing boards of education and advising Japanese educators on how to become superintendents of schools. He has himself served as superintendent of schools at Rockford, Ill., and Flint, Mich.

Dr. Frank Veihmeyer, D.C. Alpha, has been named president of the Section of Hydrology of the American Geophysical Union. On the faculty of the University of California at Davis, Dr. Veihmeyer is especially known among scientists the world over for his research in irrigation.

Dr. Kline R. Swygard, Washington Beta, adviser of the chapter at Oregon State, has been promoted from associate professor to professor of political science on that campus. He is president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors and a member of the Faculty Council.



**MONNETT B. DAVIS**, Colorado, (below) has been Consul General to Shanghai, Stockholm, Minister to Denmark, and United States Minister to China. Entered Department of State in 1925, where he served as director of Office of Foreign Service.



**DANIEL K. HOPKINSON**, Lawrence, '31, was appointed director of the European program division of the economic co-operation administration in May. His organization is responsible for economic analysis and policy formulation to individual Marshall Plan countries. To accept this work, he resigned as a member of the Milwaukee law firm of Lecher, Michael, Spohn, Best & Friedrich.

**ROSCOE DRUMMOND**, Syracuse, '24 (left), on leave as Washington bureau chief of the *Christian Science Monitor* is sworn in July 11 in Washington as European director of information for the Marshall Plan by Virgil L. Couch (right), ECA personnel director. Drummond serves on the Paris staff of W. Averell Harriman, of the Economic Cooperation Administration.



# *Pan Hellenica*

EDITED BY VIC VANAMAN, MARSHAL, FORMER FIELD SECRETARY



Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr. sits at extreme right of front row of meeting at Taunton, Mass., of College Fraternity Editors Association. He was elected vice-president of secretary's group, also an N.I.C. body, which met at same time.

DELTA CHI FRATERNITY's undergraduate chapters approved their Executive Board's motion of last September which states, "That the 1950 convention be postponed . . . and that the funds appropriated and allocated to defray the expenses of holding a convention in 1950 be used to carry out the expansion program adopted by the Board and to pay the expenses of schools of instruction for chapter officers and the 'B B's! . . .'" The Board stated that the annual national income of the fraternity is less than the annual income of some of its chapters. It was further stated that a three day convention would cost the national fraternity seven thousand dollars at least; whereas, a series of regional conferences and officer training schools would be a much more satisfactory and less expensive method of getting programs before the undergraduate chapters.

THE PHI GAMMA DELTA chapter of the University of Illinois re-emphasized its nondrinking rule on chapter premises, and as essayist Robert G. Kesel (Illinois, '50) put it, "The chapter recognized Phi Gamma Delta as something more than a drinking club or a boarding house whose primary purpose is to provide hilarity and free drinks for all."

FROM the pen of Theta Chi fraternity's national president came the following: "We believe that the use of alcoholic beverages (in-

cluding beer) by college students is wrong, that it does positive harm and injury to many of them, that it causes accidents and injury in a high speed age, without compensating values. We believe that the notion that alcohol is necessary for a successful social time is a reflection on the intelligence of students and members of the fraternity and their guests.

"For those claiming their majority and their right to drink without restriction, we believe there are ample liquor facilities available and no just claim can be made by those men that their rights justify alcoholic beverages in the chapter house or at fraternity functions. Since the use of alcoholic beverages in the chapter house at fraternity functions is unnecessary, is required by no principle of right or public service, it cannot therefore be tolerated."

DELTA CHI FRATERNITY's philosophy on alcoholic beverages: "To violate our regulations is to risk our heritage for no useful purpose. If we provide the facilities of a tavern, then we forfeit our reason for existence. Away with the mugs!"

INITIATES into Phi Delta Theta pay one of the lowest—if not the lowest—fees required by any of the major fraternities. The fee is \$40, of which \$10 is allocated to a life subscription of *The Scroll* and \$5 toward purchase of the badge.



## Portrait of an Alumni Treasurer

By RALPH S. NANZ

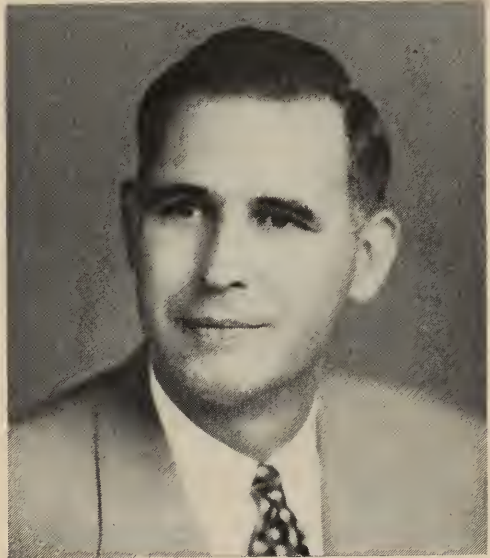
**Brief introduction to another unsung hero—John W. Weaver, fiscal guardian angel of the chapter at Carroll—by the chapter's faculty adviser who is also an unsung hero.**

UNDERLYING the enthusiasm and success of any chapter may almost always be found the quiet untiring loyalty of one or two alumni members.

Wisconsin Gamma at Carroll College is fortunate in having a number of such alumni. One alumnus in particular merits our praise for his unceasing efforts in behalf of the Fraternity. I'm sure that no other of our loyal alumni will feel any slight, but in fact will, with one accord, take off their hats to John W. Weaver. By his untold hours of devoted service, by his careful advice and husbanding of the chapter's material resources over the years, John Weaver has kept us solvent and enabled the actives to live in their own chapter house.

John, who was graduated from Carroll in 1932, was a member of Gamma Phi Delta, the local which in 1940 became Wisconsin Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Shortly after nationalization, he was initiated as a Sig Ep. While an undergraduate he served as secretary of his chapter and then continued in that capacity for the chapter's alumni council after graduation, taking over the work of treasurer also.

Until 1949 he acted as secretary-treasurer for the alumni council, which is officially known as the Gamma House Corporation. At the grand chapter meeting during the 1949 homecoming he requested that he be relieved of the secretarial part of his duties, so that now his office is alumni treasurer.



Alumni Treasurer John W. Weaver, Carroll.

In 1934 John entered the employ of the Waukesha Foundry Company where he has since remained, being now head of the sales division. This company is one of the leading industries of the Milwaukee area, manufacturing stainless steel products, particularly machinery used in all phases of the dairy industry. Weaver is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, last year being president of the Wisconsin section. He is also a member of the American Society of Metallurgists, and serves his college as a member of the Alumni Board. His social activities include membership in the Milwaukee Athletic Club and the Milwaukee University Club.

In 1937 John married Sally Armbruster, a Milwaukee-Downer College graduate. They have three lively daughters and even though there is no prospective Sig Ep in the family, both John and Sally are "all out" in their loyalty and enthusiasm for the fraternity. They frequently attend Sig Ep social functions as honored guests, where Mrs. Weaver's charm and graciousness always enhance the occasion.

In his capacity as alumni treasurer for



the past 18 years, John has given not only countless hours of time and energy, but has brought an intelligent, businesslike determination as well as enthusiasm to all chapter problems. These, however, are only the outward and visible manifestations of a deep-rooted loyalty. Such loyalty in the last analysis is fostered only by the love of one's fellow man. Time and again we've heard John say, "This fraternity and the brothers meant so much to me when I was in college that I want to see it perpetuated for the generations to come."

He wants other fellows to enjoy the associations he enjoyed in the bonds of brotherly love of his fraternity. He knows that in so doing they learn the real lessons of life—how to get along with other men in fairness and amity.

Wisconsin Gamma is proud of all her loyal alumni. We, furthermore, feel sure that a fraternity justifies its existence when it develops loyal sons and useful citizens like John Weaver.

### **Stag Night at Baker**

Sig Eps at Baker University celebrated their 40th year on the campus June 3, some of them traveling more than a thousand miles—Gordon Welsh, Hingham, Mass.; George Griffen, Dallas, Tex.; James L. Cross, Washington, D.C.—to attend the annual stag. A chicken dinner was served to 140 Sig Eps, including 70 alumni and guests.

Loss of the house by fire two weeks before curtailed many of the events planned by the active chapter to entertain the alumni, but the alumni provided their own entertainment as they joyously greeted friends whom they had not seen in years.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Gene Farrow, banker from Waverly, Kan. Guest speaker was Dr. Charles Dennie, nationally known dermatologist from Kansas City, whose inspiring speech caused actives and alumni to rise in a spontaneous ovation. The positions of toastmaster and speaker are honorary positions awarded by the active chapter to men whom they think have aided the chapter or done the most for Sig Ep in the preceding year. It was the second time in three years Dr. Dennie had been selected as the speaker.

Also attending the dinner and stag were John Robson, Wisconsin Alpha, editor of the Sig Ep JOURNAL; Judge Earle Frost, Kansas Beta, former national Grand President; Larry Miller, president of the Kansas Press Association; J.

Joyce Wilson, secretary of the Kansas Conference of Methodist Churches; Arthur Nevins, Sr., former mayor of Dodge City; Dr. George Schreyer, head of the Bible school at Baker; and Prof. Richard N. Bender, whose recent book, *A Philosophy of Life*, has caused a controversy among philosophers and critics.

Thomas Neal, Sr., was honored upon his retirement from 35 years of service to the chapter by being presented with a badge in honor of his efforts and devotion to Kansas Alpha. The award was made by active chapter president Ernest Anselmi.

After the dinner and speeches, Richard J. Southall, alumni treasurer, gave his financial report and elections were held to fill vacated positions on the alumni board.

Elected were Bill Biggerstaff, Richard Garrett, James Bradley, Larry Miller, Gene Farrow, Fred Sandfort, Max Litterell, Harold Elliott, Sr., William Bunten, Sr., and Richard J. Southall, Jr.

Bliss Wolfe, Vernon T. Nicholson, Richard C. Southall, Sr., and Thomas Neal, Sr., were made honorary members of the board. Other members of the board are Arthur Nevins, Sr., Lester Hey, and chapter adviser Pearl Jones. Other honorary members are Fred A. Price and Dr. Charles C. Dennie.

Men who left the active alumni board during the year were Thomas Neal, Sr., A. Otis Beach, Vernon T. Nicholson, Freeman Havinghurst, Richard C. Southall, and Emil S. Liston (deceased).

After the stag dinner the members of the alumni board met in the damaged chapter house and elected Gene Farrow, president; Fred Sandfort, vice-president; James H. Bradley, secretary; and Richard J. Southall, treasurer. Committees were formed to decide the fate of the burned-out chapter house, and the 40th annual stag of Kansas Alpha was officially closed.

—CHARLES CUTLER

### **Temple**

Pennsylvania Mu's first annual outing held at Medford Lakes, N.J., in June was a most enjoyable day for the 75 who found their way to Cedar Lakes, surrounded by refreshing cedar trees. Philadelphians were few but the out-of-towners, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina and Delaware chapters were well represented. On the day's program was tennis, swimming, and golf. (The 19th hole was refreshing.) Brother Gillum outdid the golf course and Jack Gordon, president of Pennsylvania Mu alumni, drank most of the lake's water. Grand President Charles Thompson was the grand old man of the gathering and made most of us feel our age when noticing his activity during the day. Philadelphia Alumni Chapter President Earl Traster organized the party and did it ably.

The Pennsylvania Mu Foundation of Sigma



Chicago Alumni Chapter's new officers. From left: Charles Hungerford, Indiana Beta, secretary; Walter M. Edwards, Illinois Alpha, president; Wayne H. Reynolds, Indiana Alpha, vice-president; and Elmer V. Weichel, Illinois Alpha, treasurer.

Phi Epsilon has been formed under the guidance of Grand President Thompson and Jack Gordan and Jack Stuckert. The by-laws have been formulated and signed and are now before the proper people in the state for legal filing. With this corporation Pennsylvania Mu will now be able to spend every effort to accomplish the proud aim of purchasing a home for the active chapter.

The alumni group will soon be in the midst of real organization for the fall and winter programs which we hope will add to the interest of all and further the aims of every Sig-Ep. Look in the phone book under Sigma Phi Epsilon and ask about the next meeting.

—T. M. DICKEY

## Dallas

In July the Dallas alumni assisted Texas Alpha with a summer rush party which was held at the country home of Frank Martino, Sr. Brother Martino was a gracious host and a fine picnic supper was served under the big oak trees. After eating, the party all motored to White Rock Lake and the Dallas Sailing Club where Herb Craft acted as host for a fine evening of cool sailing.

The Dallas Association has started work on the traditional party following the Oklahoma-Texas football game. This year Dallas will be the football capital of the nation on the week-end of October 14, Oklahoma and Texas in the afternoon and Southern Methodist and Oklahoma A & M in the night game. We are looking forward for a fine representation from Oklahoma Alpha and hope that as many of them as possible will be able to attend the latter part of our party that nite.

All alumni and members planning to attend this traditional party are urged to write and request reservations as soon as possible. The Melrose Hotel has always been most co-operative with us on the sponsoring of the dinner and dance and we would like to be able to give them a close estimate this year as to how many will attend. Please write to Roland Ackmann, 9406 Waterview Road, Dallas, and advise as to attendance.

July 24 several of the Dallas members drove to Denton and had dinner with some 30 boys of one of the local groups on the campus of North Texas State College. This is one of the older schools in the state and it was only recently that they became eligible for national fraternities. We were impressed with the local group and are hopeful that Sig Ep will be one of the first to go on the campus. The situation is being watched very closely by Frank Martino, Jr.

To Sig Eps all over the country, this would be a wonderful time to plan on being in Dallas on October 14. Both Texas and Oklahoma will probably have powerful teams and either of them might end the year as the number one team of the nation and in addition Southern Methodist may also develop into one of the nation's top contenders. —KEITH CONGDON

## Oklahoma City

An election was held recently for officers for the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter. They are as follows: President: Ernest McCoy, Oklahoma Alpha, 3500 North Robinson, Apartment #4, Oklahoma City; vice-president: Clyde H. Dorr, Arkansas Alpha, 916 Petroleum Building, Oklahoma City; and secretary-treasurer: Frank E.



Heaston, Oklahoma Beta, Assistant Manager, Oklahoma Press Association, 800 Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City. —FRANK E. HEASTON

### **Chicago**

The annual stag picnic of the Chicago Alumni Chapter was held August 28 at 6:00 P.M. in the Thatcher Woods Pavilion.

—JACK LEVY

### **Quad City**

The Quad City Alumni Association, which is comprised of Scott and Muscatine counties in Iowa and Rock County in Illinois, was granted a charter in May and hence is now an alumni chapter.

### **Long Beach**

Through the efforts of Bob Mulvey, California Beta, '40, we have a new alumni association at Long Beach, Calif.

Meetings will be held the last Friday of each month at the University Club, top floor of the Lafayette Hotel, at 12:00 noon.

Our first meeting was a big success, with the following brothers present: Fred Cook, Minnesota Alpha, '32; Bob Mulvey, California Beta, '40; Freeman Sinclair, Oregon Beta, '40; Charles Taylor, Oregon Beta, '43; Dr. Reynolds Thompson, Montana Alpha, '28; Paul Williamson, Oregon Beta, '41; Al Wright, California Beta, '49; and Luis Roberts, Grand Historian, California Beta, '28.

The next meeting will be held September 29, Lafayette Hotel, noon luncheon. If you are going to the Iowa-Southern California game that night at the Los Angeles Coliseum the Long Beach University Club has arranged for a special bus to leave the Lafayette Hotel at 7:00 P.M. going direct to the game.

—LUIS ROBERTS

### **Denver Issues Directory**

A directory of Sig Ep alumni in the Denver area, containing some 250 names, was brought out in July, with Past Grand President Charles R. Patch as editor. Members in that area who have not received a copy may have one, while the supply lasts, by addressing Charles R. Patch, 417 Continental Oil Building, Denver 2.

### **Boston**

All Sig Eps who are traveling through Boston will find a hearty welcome at the Hotel Beaconsfield on the fourth Thursday of every month. The Boston Alumni Chapter meets for cocktails, and dinner beginning at 5:30 followed by a business meeting and an interesting program in one of the private dining rooms in this fine hotel.

The famous Patton's Restaurant is the setting

for a luncheon group which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:30. Just ask for the Sig Ep table.

The new officers for the 1950-51 season are: President, W. D. Wilkinson, Massachusetts Beta, '18; vice-president, W. T. Lindsey, Jr., New York Delta, '48; secretary, K. Y. Wright, Jr., Vermont Alpha, '49; treasurer, L. G. Mulholland, Delaware Alpha, '16; program chairman, J. E. Stefaney, West Virginia Gamma, '50.

Prof. John T. Edsall, of the Harvard Medical School, explained UNESCO and its aims at a dinner meeting on September 28 at Hotel Beaconsfield, Brookline.

—KEN WRIGHT

## ★ BRIEFS ★

### **California**

Earl C. Miles, '48, of Wayne, Mich., was recently presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross at the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station where Capt. Miles does his flying one weekend each month as a member of Marine Fighting Squadron 251.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Capt. Miles previously was awarded the Air Medal with one Gold Star, the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation for action against the enemy in the South Pacific. For the past several years he has been on the staff of Kaiser-Frazer Corporation at Willow Run, Mich.

On December 29, 1942, Capt. Miles and his crew, in a B24 were attacked by 12 Jap Zeroes and the plane was so badly shot up and members of the crew so severely injured that he was forced down at Guadalcanal, 400 miles short of his base.



Captain Earl C. Miles, California Alpha, '48, is congratulated by a lieutenant colonel on receiving D.F.C. award at recent ceremony.



Ensign James H. Foxgrover, Iowa State, '47.

### Delaware

Dr. W. O. Sypherd, former acting president of the University of Delaware, recently addressed a meeting of his alma mater's alumni in Washington, D.C., on the subject, "The World's Most Formal Curses."

Paul D. Lovett, '18, was recently presented the Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America for his distinguished contribution to youth.

Isaac S. Elliott, '24, has been appointed special assistant to the manager of the personnel and industrial relations of the DuPont Company's rayon department, Wilmington, Del.

Bernie Nobis, '29, is superintendent of the Ferris School for Boys, Wilmington, Del.

Ben Lownsbey, '42, received his doctorate in plant pathology from Cornell University in June and has been appointed an assistant professor in the department of plant pathology in Cornell's college of agriculture.

### Florida

Robert Daniel Carter, III, '49, is an inspector for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, situated in the plant of the Pasco Fruit Company, Dade City, Fla.

### Iowa State

Ensign James H. Foxgrover, USN, '47, is serving aboard the U. S. Naval Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.

Having completed training with the Fleet Air Electronic Training Unit at Norfolk, Va., he is now a pilot in Air Development Squadron 4.

Philip R. Gilbert, '47, is an engineer in the chemical department of General Electric Company at Coshocton, Ohio.

### Johns Hopkins

Capt. Carl J. Schopfer, '43, medical officer of the 102nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, has recently returned from Germany, and has resumed the general practice of medicine and surgery at Bloomfield, N.J.

### Kansas State

H. E. Teagarden, '43, is employed by the Acme-Evans Milling Company, Indianapolis, Ind., as supervisor of sanitation in all plants.

### Kentucky

Charles Whaley, '49, who this past June received his master of science degree from the Columbia University School of Journalism, N.Y., has landed a job as general assignment reporter for the *Courier-Journal*, Louisville, Ky.

### Montana

Claget T. Sanders, '35, was elected president of the Montana State University Alumni Association for the 1950-51 term.

Bud Grover, '30, Deer Lodge pharmacist, recently was appointed to the board of health of the state of Montana.

E. J. Woolfolk, '32, is chief of the division of range research of the U. S. Forest Service at Missoula, Mont.

William Swartout, '42, head football, basketball, and track coach at the high school at Great



Capt. Carl J. Schopfer, M.D., Maryland Alpha, '43, returns to medical practice.





Kermitt M. Redd, Utah Alpha, '39.

Falls, Mont., was recently elected athletic director of the school.

Robert L. Dow, '47, is employed by the W. H. Curtin Company, at Houston, Tex.

Robert L. Holton, '50, is high school coach at Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Charles K. Folkestad, '50, is advertising manager of the Bozeman, Mont., *Courier*.

### Oklahoma A & M

Ralph Rasor, '35, is vice-president of the Royal Feather Company, Tulsa, Okla.

### Rensselaer

Howard S. Jarrett, Jr., '48, is scheduled to complete his work for the Ph.D. degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology some time this fall and has accepted a position with the DuPont Company at Wilmington, Del.

### Tulsa

Gene Wright, '49, is a geophysical computer for Petroleum Consultants, Tulsa, Okla.

### Wisconsin

Frederick J. Bolender, Jr., '33, is director of public relations for the Wisconsin State Chamber of Commerce, Madison, Wis.

### Utah State

Conrad B. Toone, '36, is manager of the process cheese-making division of the Challenger Cream & Butter Association of Los Angeles, situated at Pocatello, Idaho.

Kerm Redd, '39, is engaged in raising livestock at Paradox, Utah.

Dr. R. Guy Lewis, '39, is engaged in the practice of surgery at Seattle, Wash.

Darwin Bradfield, '48, is employed by the Veterans Administration at Svirpio, Utah, where he supervises on-the-farm training.

Herbert G. Taylor, '49, is assistant manager of the Pet Milk Company at Orlando, Calif.

## ★ VITAL DATA ★

### Married

*"A man should first build a house, then plant a vineyard, and then marry."*

—BABYLONIAN TALMUD

John C. Doan, Arkansas Alpha, '49, and Patricia Nan Rogers, Zeta Tau Alpha, on April 2, 1950.

John Ferguson, Jr., Arkansas Alpha, '49, and Mary Elizabeth Rogers, on February 26, 1950.

Ralph Finkner, Colorado Gamma, '50, and Laurene Hale, on June 11, 1950, at Akron, Ohio.

Warren Breniman, Colorado Gamma, and Bonnie Brodie, on June 11, 1950, at Longmont, Colo., with chapter brother Cliff Jones as best man and chapter brother Harty Stoll as an usher.

Frank Weagant, Colorado Delta, and Dorothy Kennedy in Denver, Colo.

David Trull Raynor, Delaware Alpha, '51, and Jeanne Carolean Evans, on August 19, 1950, in the Union Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del.

Robert Daniel Carter, III, Florida Alpha, '49, and Jennie Norman Cannon, on July 9, 1950, at Shannon, N.C.

Ben Sater Haddick, Illinois Delta, '52, and Marian Ann Petzing, on August 27, 1950, in the Zion Lutheran Church at Peoria, Ill.

Ralph L. Messer, Kansas Beta, '43, Kansas City veterinarian, and Mary Josephine Kerr, on May 14, 1950, in the Baptist Church at Ozark, Mo.

Donald M. Johnson, Kansas Gamma, '48, former president of his chapter and onetime gridiron star for the Jayhawks, and Lu Cille Louise Horn, on May 20, 1950, in the First Congregational Church, Topeka, Kan.

Alvin Dugger Ward, Kansas Gamma, and Donna Marie Mueller, on June 10, 1950, in the Roanoke Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Alvia Bishop Davis, Kansas Gamma, and Jacquelyn Lucille Aurell, Kappa Alpha Theta, on June 17, 1950, in the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Ariz.

Charles Lee Medlock, Kansas Gamma, and Mary Elizabeth McNailey, Kappa Kappa Gamma, on June 17, 1950, in the Immaculate Conception Church, at Minneapolis.

Joseph Matthew Klenk, Maine Alpha, '49, and Sydney Ince, on August 19, 1950, at Southport, Me.

Daniel G. Lewis, Massachusetts Beta, '47,

and Helen Elizabeth Lewis, on June 17, 1950, in the Congregational Church at Newark Valley, N.Y., with his father (pastor of the church) performing the ceremony, with chapter brother Richard P. Giles, '46, as best man.

Milton P. Albert, Missouri Beta, '52, and Christine Kemple, on July 9, 1950, in Bethany Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Robert J. Cronk, Missouri Gamma, '50, and Roxy Carney, on May 29, 1950, at Rolla, Mo.

Peter J. Koppel, Missouri Gamma, '50, and Maybelle Reinke, on May 24, 1950, at Chicago, Ill.

Larry Smith, Ohio Epsilon, '49, and Anna Marie Nebel, onetime Ohio Wesleyan coed, on May 20, 1950, with chapter brother Bill McKinnon as an usher.

Jesse B. Pogue, Ohio Theta, '51, president of his chapter, and Shirley M. Wewer, '51, Alpha Gamma Delta, president of her chapter, on June 2, 1950, at Mt. Healthy, Ohio; with Robert K. Johnson, Ohio Gamma, '49, past president of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, as best man.

William Jernigan, Oklahoma Alpha, '50, and Charolette Louise Holderman, June 2, 1950, University Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Charles Maloy, Oklahoma Alpha, '51, and Patricia Ann Baker, May 27, 1950, East Side Christian Church, Tulsa, Okla.

James Wilkerson, Oklahoma Alpha, '48, and Pauline McNeil, Chi Omega, June 2, 1950, Tulsa, Okla.

Sam Hunsaker, Oklahoma Alpha, '50, and Willie Bess Evans, June 10, 1950, First Methodist Church, Durant City, Okla.

Jack R. Seay, Oklahoma Alpha, '51, and Bobbie Faye Smith, Zeta Tau Alpha, June 17, 1950, First Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Frank Cochran, Oklahoma Alpha, '49, and Emma June McConhey, Chi Omega, April 8, 1950, Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa.

Charles Dana Switzer, Vermont Alpha, '49, and Ann Orth, on August 4, 1950, at Waban, Mass.

Henry Beecher Ward, Virginia Alpha, and Frances Wright Galvin, on September 2, 1950, at Richmond, Va.

Trevvett Matthews, Virginia Eta, '47, and Ida Moore, onetime William and Mary Phi Beta Pi, on July 29, 1950, in the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va.

John E. Stefaney, West Virginia Gamma, '50, and Helen Marie Greeley, on October 21, 1950, at Boston, Mass.

*[Notices of marriage and birth may not be carried in the JOURNAL unless date and place, as well as names, are accurately given.—Ed.]*

## Born

*"Every baby born into the world is finer than the last one."*

—DICKENS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Allen, Delaware Alpha, '43, a son, David, on May 19, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, Delaware Alpha, '39, a son, on May 18, 1950, in Wilmington General Hospital, Wilmington, Del.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Gerow, Delaware Alpha, '41, a son, on May 1, 1950, at Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Del.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gene DiSabatino, Delaware Alpha, '43, a daughter, on May 29, 1950, in the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Del.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elton E. Elston, Iowa Delta, a son, Todd Whitlock, on April 17, 1950, at St. Louis, Mo.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joe K. McNay, Kansas Beta, '35, a daughter, Stephanie Ann, on March 13, 1950, at Norfolk, Va.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Teagarden, Kansas Beta, '43, a second son, name not reported, on June 14, 1950, at Manhattan, Kan.

To Mr. and Mrs. Merrill H. Werts, Kansas Beta, '43, a son, Riley Joseph, on April 21, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. William J. Condon, Louisiana Alpha, '34, a son, Thomas Edwin, on May 6, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sanstrom, New York Gamma, '42, a daughter, Christine Lynne, their second child, on April 7, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. James A. McDonald, Oklahoma Alpha, '50, a son, Monte James, on April 10, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jay Harvey Albere, Pennsylvania Eta, '37, a son, Jay Perry, their first child, on Easter Sunday, 1950, in the Midwood Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Gies, Pennsylvania Eta, '34, a son, Charles Ronald, on May 22, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Schalick, Jr.,



Across threshold goes Shirley in the arms of bridegroom Jesse Pogue, Ohio Theta.





Robert A. Burgin, Jr., Tennessee Alpha, '48, with Mrs. Burgin and two-weeks old Sally.

Pennsylvania Kappa, '42, a son, Arthur Pedrick III, on May 12, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Burgin, Jr., Tennessee Alpha, '48, a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, on May 6, 1950, at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilford J. Smeding, Jr., Utah Alpha, '43, a daughter, Kathleen, on March 28, 1950, at Ogden, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Fitzgerald, Vermont Alpha, '49, a daughter, Lee Nelson, on August 18, 1950.

## Died

*"There is no teaching like a good man's life."*

—ELLERY SEDGWICK

Joseph E. Elliott, Jr., California Alpha; death reported on May 8, 1950.

Lindley D. Gilbert, California Alpha, on September 14, 1949.

Alvin M. Karstensen, California Alpha, on October 13, 1945.

Jessee N. Holden, California Alpha, on October 13, 1945.

Herbert R. Owen, California Beta; death reported on May 8, 1950.

Robert H. Fletcher, California Gamma, '49, on June 30, 1950, of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Herbert L. Gunter, Colorado Alpha, on April 14, 1950.

Theodore Hartman, Jr., Colorado Gamma, '49, during October, 1949, at LaJunta, Colo.

Lynn W. Rader, Colorado Gamma; in Los Angeles, Calif.; no other facts reported.

William Butz, Delaware Alpha, '12, on April 4, 1950, at Dover, Del.; after a short illness.

Leon L. Ely, Florida Alpha, on May 12, 1950, at Lakeland, Fla.; of a heart attack.

Robert B. Pring, Illinois Alpha, '41; death reported on February 6, 1950.

Claudius K. Hayes, Iowa Alpha, second

initiate of his chapter; on July 25, 1949.

James E. Fitzgerald, Iowa Beta; his death reported on June 2, 1950.

Bryan K. Martin, Iowa Gamma; his death reported January 30, 1950.

Death of the following members of Kansas Alpha was reported on May 1, 1950: Harry E. Snyder, Paul H. Lawless, Alvin S. Wight, Wayne C. Brown, Charles A. Price, Frederick H. Illig, Warren C. Coleman, E. Laurence Metz, Carl W. Theime, Harry A. Coleman, Malcolm M. Clonkey, and Donald E. Pardee.

Edward E. Hilbert, Missouri Beta, '34; his death reported on February 6, 1950.

Adolph H. Winheim, Missouri Beta, '27, during May, 1950, somewhere in Indiana; from injuries received in an automobile accident.

John F. Driscoll, Montana Alpha, on February 19, 1950.

Report that the following members of Nebraska Alpha were deceased was received on May 18, 1950: Carl E. Geiger, Arthur Balis, Roller L. Tooley, Harlow W. Young, and Merle K. Martin.

John Franklin Kavanaugh, New York Gamma, '40, agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years; on July 24, 1950, in Columbus Hospital, New York City.

George H. Sweeney, New York Gamma, on April 10, 1950.

James T. Morton, North Carolina Epsilon; no fact reported other than his death.

Robert L. Jones, M.D., Pennsylvania Beta, '10, on May 14, 1950, at Chelmsford, Mass.; of coronary thrombosis.

Norman Foster, Pennsylvania Delta, '11, president of Whiteside, Foster, Damon & Doane, architects and engineers, Springfield, Pa., partner in the civil engineering firm of Damon & Foster, president of the Delaware County Park Board Commission, director of Clifton Heights National Bank; in May, 1950, in Chester Hospital, Springfield, of a heart ailment.

George B. Turn, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '30, Shavertown, Pa., insurance man and onetime naval lieutenant, on June 21, 1950, at Shavertown, Pa.; by his own hand.

Roy P. Miles, Pennsylvania Epsilon, during February, 1947.

Earl K. Brown, Rhode Island Alpha, during 1947.

Allan L. Langley, Rhode Island Alpha, '14; during 1947.

Joseph C. Hiott, Jr., South Carolina Alpha; his death reported May 8, 1950.

Robert M. Sellers, Jr., Texas Alpha, '38, on April 20, 1950.

Thurber C. Raymond, Vermont Alpha, '41; during 1944.

Edwin C. O'Neil, Vermont Alpha; no fact reported other than his death.

Turner Adams, Virginia Epsilon, '31, one-time president of his chapter, attorney; on

February 13, 1950, in the Memorial Hospital at Lubbock, Texas; of leukemia.

Chester J. Roberts, Wisconsin Alpha; no fact reported other than his death.

Harvey C. Lehtoma, Wisconsin Gamma, '50, on January 29, 1950.

### **Tribute to Founder Owens**

*The following tribute to Richard Spurgeon Owens, one of the 12 Founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon, who died at Roanoke, Va., on July 6, 1950, was written by his fellow Founder William Hugh Carter, of Salem, Va.:*

In the passing of Richard Spurgeon Owens to his eternal reward, Sigma Phi Epsilon has lost a beloved and honored founder, his family has lost a devoted husband and father and the world has lost a real man.

When, back in 1901, the idea that was to grow into Sigma Phi Epsilon was born in the hearts and minds of that little group in Richmond College, they began to look about them for a select-few kindred souls who had ideas and ideals such as they had in mind, congenial spirits who would join with them in establishing an institution that would stand for the things in student life that were uplifting, inspiring and enduring.

Brother Owens was such a spirit, and he was one of the first to be invited to come into the select circle. He accepted the invitation and at once threw himself into the work with the vim and enthusiasm that were characteristic of the man. The qualities of mind and heart that were to bring him such signal success in all his later undertakings went into his efforts to establish a fraternity that would be outstanding in its field, and his brother founders quickly realized that here was one who had the real Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit.

That was a trying time—those stressful days when the infant organization was fighting for its very life, and Brother Owens was right in the forefront of the battle. All through those days, and through the later years when the organization had made a secure and an enviable place for itself in the fraternity world, his interest and his enthusiasm did not slacken. Honors came to him in his chosen calling, and his advice and his influence were sought by others. Many positions of trust and responsibility were conferred on him, all of which he filled with signal ability, but Sigma Phi Epsilon was always dear to his heart and to it was given his unceasing love and loyalty.

In the city where he lived and served through the years, Brother Owens was a beloved and honored leader and an outstanding citizen. He took a prominent part in civic affairs, and could always be counted upon to be in the front ranks of all worth-while movements. The encomiums of praise bestowed upon him by the secular press and the great throng of people from all walks of life who gathered for his funeral showed how deeply he was entrenched in the hearts of his fellow-men and in the life of the community. Verily of him it may be well said, as was said of Barnabas of old, "he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit." His passing leaves a gap in the ranks of our brotherhood.

*Shortly before his death, Founder Richard Spurgeon Owens, wrote on two small pieces of paper the following message, the last of a sermonic nature that he ever wrote:*

Jesus spoke to the mind of man. As an example consider his conversation with the learned Nicodemus who came to him by night.

Jesus spoke to the conscience of man. He demanded more than the observance of rituals and told them that their righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and the Pharisees if they hope to enter into the Kingdom.

Jesus spoke to the heart of man. He knew what was in man. He looked at man with all of his burdens and heart-aches and said: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Jesus spoke to the will of man. Plainly and persuasively He said "Follow Me," and man responded.



Founder Richard Spurgeon Owens, Virginia Alpha.

### **Resigned**

John I. Cross, Arkansas Alpha, '51, on February 24, 1950.

Henry S. Butryn, Illinois Delta, '52, on December 5, 1949.

Ronald A. Lauth, Illinois Beta, '51, on March 23, 1950.

Jim S. Morita, Iowa Alpha, '51, on March 31, 1950.

Donald R. Shelton, Kentucky Beta, '50, on December 1, 1949.

Daniel R. Porter, III, Massachusetts Alpha, '52, on March 11, 1950.

William D. Curran, Missouri Beta, '51, on March 13, 1950.

Dennis H. Williams, Oklahoma Gamma, '52, on January 20, 1950.

Warren L. Frost, Vermont Beta, '50, on April 26, 1950.

Sidney N. Hammond, Vermont Beta, '52, on April 24, 1950.

### **Suspended**

Alton V. Tippins, Florida Alpha, '49, on December 9, 1949.

Wallace E. Samuelson, Washington Beta, '44; not date reported.

### **Expelled**

*"Ye are free men, but I am banished."*

—SHAKESPEARE

John J. McGivern, Iowa Delta, '50, on January 10, 1950.

Earle D. Jones, Kansas Alpha, '53, on April 11, 1950.



# On the Campus



## FIRE DAMAGES THE BAKER HOUSE



By CHARLES CUTLER, Kansas Alpha



Volunteer firemen rushed a hose to the third floor and poured tons of water between the walls.

Just two weeks before summer vacation Kansas Alpha's house was partially destroyed by fire. Prompt action by Housemother Mary Blackburn, who smelled the smoke and warned the boys, resulted in the safe evacuation of the 34 men who were living in the house. Three men were almost trapped by the heavy smoke blocking off both the front stairs and rear fire escape, but they jumped from the front windows and managed to land unhurt.

Damage to personal belongings was mostly caused by smoke and water, but estimated damage to the house by fire was appraised at \$15,000. It was the third major fire in Baldwin within the last year. About the same time last year the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house, just across the street, was gutted by fire. Less than a month later the Sig Ep annex also suffered partial damage.

The fire started in the basement when spontaneous combustion sent dense clouds of smoke pouring up the walls of the music room. Prompt and efficient action by Baldwin's volunteer fire department checked the fire from spreading through the walls, although in places the flames reached the roof.

The other houses on the campus turned out to help fight the blaze and aided in rescuing most of the furnishings. They also lent clothing to those who had to escape in pyjamas, and opened their kitchens to serve rain- and water-

soaked fire-fighters. Most of the furniture was stored in the basement of the Alpha Chi house as fast as it could be carried across the street.

Three days later about half the men had returned to live in their own rooms, and within a week meals were being served again.

No definite action was taken by the alumni board until Baker Sig Eps held their annual stag night June 3. After the stag the alumni board met in the living-room of the partially burned house to discuss plans for remodeling or rebuilding. A building committee consisting of Arthur Nevins, Sr., Bill Biggerstaff, Fred Sandfort, and Harold Elliott, Sr., under the chairmanship of Bill Bunten, Sr., was formed. Their job is to raise the necessary funds to build a new house. James H. Bradley, Buck Jones, and chairman Richard J. Southall form the housing committee to arrange the substitute housing accommodations until the house is ready.



## REPORTS



### Alabama

The executive council is composed of Jimmy Gamble, president; Don Messer, vice-president; Alfred Saliba, treasurer; Billy Gregory, historian; and Roy Driggers, secretary. Alfred Saliba and Roy Driggers will be serving their second year as members of the executive council.

Alabama Beta is proud to announce its scholastic standings for the winter quarter. Marking up a new high for our chapter, Alabama Beta took third place among other fraternities with a 1.504. This is the highest average in our chapter's history. Much of the credit for this average is due to the efforts of Roland Jackson, our scholarship chairman from Meridian, Miss. In addition to his enthusiastic leadership, he also continued his string of all A's.

Construction of our new house is nearing completion as this issue goes to press. A full report about it next time.

—WILLIAM W. GREGORY, JR.

### Baker

Jim Yeater was elected president of Gamma Phi Omicron, creative writing club; vice-president of Mu Sigma, music fraternity; president of Pi Kappa Delta; vice-president of Alpha Psi Omega, dramatic fraternity; and vice-president of the chapter for the year ahead.

Joe Allen was elected president of the Business Roundtable; Charles Cutler, vice-president of the Young Democrats Club; Stan Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Young Democrats; and Bud Littleton, college representative of the Young Democrats. Charles Cutler was elected publicity chairman of Gamma Phi Omicron.

Ernie Mai was elected president of the B club, with all-conference center John Zorn being elected vice-president. The B club is composed of members who have lettered in a varsity sport at Baker. Ernie lettered in track and John in football.

Eleven letterman Rodny Enos was chosen as popularity king of the campus for the year 1949-50. Rod was also awarded our annual trophy for the man who has done the most for the chapter.

Vote for popularity queen narrowed down to Martha Kessler, Sig Ep Sweetheart of 1948, and Frances Mitchell, Sig Ep Sweetheart of 1949. Frances won the vote to reign with king Rod Enos.

Chapter officers: Ernie Anselmi, re-elected president; Jim Yeater, vice-president; Joe Allen, comptroller; Charles Cutler, historian; and Bill Bunten, secretary.

Bill Hart was elected parliamentarian, Joe Allen, rush chairman; Ralph Kauffman, song leader; and Ernie Mai, guide.

The intramural race for Baker's sweepstakes trophy ended with Kappa Sig ahead of Sig Ep by 11 points. Sig Ep set records in the high jump and 880 relay as we won track by a 56-point margin. Big Roy Doleshal piled up 58 strikeouts in winning seven games against one loss. During the season Roy acquired four shut-outs, two one-hit games, two two-hitters, and in the game which decided first place threw a no-hitter in the faces of second place Kappa Sig. Ernie Anselmi posted a .357 batting average to win the slugging crown.

—CHARLES CUTLER

## California

Out of 50 fraternities last spring we reached the semi-finals of the softball tournament. On Sunday, May 7, a softball game was played between the house and the alumni.

The April social calendar was highlighted by the annual dinner dance put on by our cook Josephine Davis.

In spring sports our House President Don Monroe played shortshop on the varsity baseball team, Jerry Delaney won his Circle C for lightweight basketball, and Bob Clark participated in spring football practice.

Bill Timmerman was initiated into Phi Phi, national interfraternity honor society.

California Alpha's large class of 1950 has graduated, and we are now faced with the task of securing a large pledge class this September. For this reason we started our rushing program at the end of the spring semester.



Don Monroe, Cal Alpha president (third from right), receives "Governor's Award" from District Governor Paul Slater at District 18 Convention at Berkeley. Stan Case, president of Cal Beta, behind Slater, Past G. P. Bob Ryan, Bill Norton, and at the extreme right Dick Curtis.

We had 500 mimeographed double post cards sent out to our alumni. Interested alumni all over the state are sending in the names of dozens of boys.

Rush Chairman Arnold Brown is living in the house during these last few weeks of summer. He receives the names of the future rushees, and sends out rushing pamphlets and invitations to them.

We are thus going to have a large volume program this fall, and consequently we are much more likely to get a finer bunch of pledges.

We are still organizing our alumni directory which we want to be as complete as possible. We want name, home address, home phone number, business address, business phone number, class, chapter, and occupation. The directory will be a pocket size edition. It will list all California Alpha alumni wherever they may be and all Sig Ep alumni in Northern California. It will list all the names alphabetically and by vocation. If you want one, send in \$1.00 in cash or check along with the above data. If you don't want one, we would appreciate your sending in this information of yourself or of anyone you know who is a California alumnus or any northern California Sig Ep alumnus who hasn't already sent in his name. All correspondence concerning the directory should be addressed to Paul Baumann, Alumni Relations Chairman, 2251 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley 9, Calif.

—ROBERT W. BAKER

## Colorado A & M

Eleven men were initiated into the active chapter on Sunday, April 23. This brings the total number of actives up to 70. George Beatty, Eldon Billington, Marvin Chubb, Dale Dodrill, Robert Gray, William Gray, Bud Hartman,





Carroll Sig Eps serenade former president Don Westfall and his bride at their wedding in Milwaukee. Following day, same members attended wedding of president Don Knick at Watertown, again sang "Sig Ep Girl."

Tom Keach, Bill Pugh, Jack Saunders, and Ken Weaver are the new initiates.

Jim Urich, Gordon Wilson, Byron Blotz, Bill Noxon, Jim Hurry, and Ray Pollard are six new pledges. These new men bring the pledge class up to 17 and the total chapter to 87.

Gene Andrews was recently elected president of the chapter, replacing Gordon Street. Al McNamee became vice-president, replacing Cliff Jones; Marvin Willhite was re-elected secretary; Bob Stoll replaced Bob Meyers as historian; John Bowles was chosen jointly by the active chapter and the alumni board to take over as comptroller; Rush Locke and Sherman Blach replaced Elmer Dyekman and Bill McBride as pledge trainers; Marv Chubb is the new rush chairman and Gene McMurtrey is the new alumni secretary; Bob Buehler replaced Bill Anderson as social chairman; Max Goracke replaced Sherman Blach as athletic chairman.

This chapter was interfraternity champion in bowling, and third in basketball. Our volleyball team is as yet unbeaten. Al Binkly won the 191 pound class in the regional A.A.U. wrestling tournament. He also won the heavyweight division in intramural wrestling. George Mock splashed to victory in the 440-yard free style in intramural swimming. Tom Keach is the No. 1 man on the varsity tennis team, and Phil Ray is number one man on the varsity golf team. Dave Gates traveled to the Kansas University Relays as a 440-man in the Aggie mile relay. On the rodeo side, Frank Lilly gained honors in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo in San Francisco. Sherman Blach and Bud Hartman made the college judging team which participated in shows in both Denver, Colo., and Fort Worth, Texas. Chuck Simon, Paul McDill, Bob Danmeyer, Bill Noxon, and Al Binkly have made the varsity spring football team.

As the last term drew to a close, Roy Romer vacated his office of student body president. Charlie Delp, past I.F.C. president here, turned his job of editing the school annual over to Mel Johnson. Gene Meakins, editor of the school paper, also left his post. Other outgoing officers: Craig Sandusky, president of Dairy Club; Elmer Dyekman, president of Wings & Cannon; Merle Riggs, secretary of Scabbard & Blade;

John Bowles, president of Ramblers.

Many Sig Eps are members of honorary societies on this campus. Elmer Dyekman, John A. Bantly and Gene Gingery were initiated into the national military honorary society, Scabbard and Blade. There were also three Distinguished Military Students from this chapter: Elmer Dyekman, Cadet Lt. Colonel; John A. Bantly, Cadet Major; Roy R. Romer, Cadet Major. Gene Miller, Al McNamee and Harty Stoll were initiated into Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary' journalistic fraternity. Gene Miller also won first place in the regional Technical Paper Contest held in Denver, Colorado by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Ralph Finkner is president of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity. Other members are: Cordon Street, Pres. Williams, and Bill McBride. The honorary mathematics fraternity, Kappa Mu Epsilon, has 3 Sig Ep members: Marvin Willhite, Dick Locke and Bill Bunting. Bob Gray has been a representative to the Ag. Council and the reporter for the Honorary American Society of Agronomy on this campus. Also in the society are Ralph Finkner and Merle Riggs. Gene McMurtrey, John Bowles, Harty Stoll and Marvin Willhite are members of Lancers, an honorary scholastic sophomore men's society; Mell Johnson is a junior sponsor of the society. Bob Stoll was initiated into Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary band fraternity.

Rod Wilson leads the "Poudre Muskets," the crack drill squad of the Military Department here. Jim Hurry, Al Weinhold, and Floyd Oliver are also in the squad.

So that the graduating seniors should be given some honor, a tubbing on the front lawn was suggested. Those tubbed were: Cliff Jones, Gordon Street, Ralph Finkner, Elmer Follin, Bill McBride, Roy Romer, Elmer Dyekman, John Bantly, Ned Norris, and George Toft.

New pledges: Don Kerr, Ashland, Ore.; Bob Kibler, Fort Collins.

Graduated, June 9: Elmer Dyekman, Jr., Charles Delp, Oliver Dorothy, Ralph Finkner, Don Hoch, Cliff Jones, Jr., Al Koenek, Frank Lilley, Bill McBride, Gene Meakins, Jim Pitcher, Merle Riggs, Roy Romer, Craig Sandusky, and Gordon Street. Roy Romer and Charles Delp received additional honor by graduating "with distinction."

Our Annual Flower Dance was attended by approximately 120 couples, each girl wearing an orchid. The theme of the dance, oriental, was carried out with a fat golden-colored Buddha inside and an orange pagoda adorning two pillars on the outside in front. In order to enter the dance, couples had to go over a decorated bridge under which ran a clear blue stream. Orchids and punch were given from oriental styled booths on the front lawn. All attending the dance seemed to enjoy it and were doubly pleased about the favors, which were leather



covered picture frames adorned with the Sig Ep Crest on the front. Gordon Street, head chairman of the dance, did outstanding work in organizing and planning.

Sport News: This chapter won the pole vault, 440-yard relay and tied for first in the high jump to place third in the intramural track meet. Gordon Riddell soared 11 feet to capture the pole vault; Sherm Blach, Gene McMurtry, John Lind, and Al Weinhold burned the cinders to take first in the 440-yard relay; and John Lind jumped 5 feet 8 inches to tie for first in the high jump. We took a fourth in both baseball and volleyball to finish fifth in final standings for the year.

Ralph Finkner, a June graduate, is going to Iowa State College on an assistantship to do graduate work.

A new gray rug with rubber foam cushion was purchased for the house for Mothers' Day. The program for the day consisted of a dinner at Ammon's Hall followed by an open house at the chapter house. All the mothers attending were given a corsage of two gardenias. Roy Romer entertained at dinner by singing "Without a Song" and "A Bluebird of Happiness." He was accompanied on the piano by Walter Scott.

"Pacemaker," which is the highest honor bestowed on an Aggie Student, was received by four Sig Eps of this chapter. Warren Breniman, past editor of the college paper; Charles Delp, two times editor of the college annual and past president of I.F.C.; Gene Meakins, also past editor of the college paper; and Roy Romer, past president of the Aggie Student Body were the Aggie "Pacemakers."

John Bowles, our comptroller, was chosen outstanding Aggie sophomore by the school annual, *The Silver Spruce*.

—R. D. STOLL

## Colorado Mines

Summer session is in full swing here at Mines, and our rushing program already has brought in eight new prospective pledges under the skillful guidance of Richard Preston, prospective pledges who are expected to attend the fall session.

The house has finally obtained the new desks and rugs, for the students' rooms, which have been sorely needed for many months.

William Johnston, house manager, has obtained a new cook for us. She is Mrs. Lena Rydinger, from Iowa. So far the meals have been excellent.

We would like to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Suchy who have just retired from many years of cooking for the house. Mainly through their effort we were able to keep our house after the Army had taken it over during the war.

—ROBERT MACFARLANE

## Davidson

Initiated since last JOURNAL: Alvin G. Cain, Burke Wilson, Ralph Roberts, Rufus Cromartie, Marion Clark, and Horace Ball. The initiation was followed by a banquet and Sweetheart Ball.

The music for the dance was furnished by Walter Hagen and his band from Charlotte. The Red Fez Club, situated on the Catawba River about fourteen miles from Charlotte, furnished the setting. Our Sweetheart was chosen by two of our faculty members present at the dance; Dr. A. V. Goldiere and Dr. Paul Cheatham. She was Archie McClellan, a student at Winthrop College. A loving cup with S.P.E. engraved on it and a bouquet of roses and violets were given her.

Both rooms of our lodge have been entirely redone. The front room has been painted a dark green, and we have purchased a gray carpet that blends perfectly with the walls. The chapter room has been painted russet brown. We are planning to put in quite a bit of new furniture. It was completed by September 1, in time for rush week, which started September 13 under the capable leadership of Rush chairman Ramon Hart.

—PERRY DANIELS

## Davis & Elkins

Manpower: 55 active members.

Our Sweetheart Ball was supervised by our graduating seniors: Ken Crane, Jim Allbee, Wendel Baker, George Freeman, Bob Kother, Ellis MacDougall, Tom McKelvey, Bill Ross, Bill Roth, Jim Arrasmith, and Jim Fugate. Chata Ingram, fiancée of William Carr was chosen Sweetheart.

Initiates for the spring semester: John McConn, Montclair, N.J.; Charles and William Lindner, Port Washington, N.Y.; Stephen Penzes, East Aurora, N.Y.; John Schachtsiek, Port Washington, N.Y.; Cosmo Vetrone, Port Washington, N.Y.; Alfred Calloway, Hartsdale, N.Y.; Harley Lake, Montclair, N.J.; Paul Russell, Teaneck, N.J.; and Harry Hamilton, Fairlawn, N.J.

Officers: president, Joseph Boladz; vice-president, Leonard Whiting; comptroller, Charles Leonard; historian, Thomas Elkins; secretary, Thomas Mahlman; interfraternity council representative, Norman Chase; marshals, William Andres and William Carr; guard, Richard Rapoport.

Our first yearbook, the *Sig-Epic of 1950*, was published last April. It was dedicated to the graduating seniors.

—WILLIAM BALDWIN

## Delaware

June graduates: Frank Balling, Joe Bradley, Bill Burnett, Robert V. DeFiore, Wray Hushebeck, Joe Miller, and Miles Powell. Wayne Pollari was graduated with honors in history.



Maryland Beta's "Frontier Girl" Betty Richer poses with trophy in chapter room.

The house remained open for the summer school session, with Buechle, Huston Riggs, Anderson, Wasik, Mitten, Tyler, Hirst, Raynor, and Stoeffel attending. Diver, Fossett, Groetzinger, Graves, and Warren attended R.O.T.C. camp at Camp Meade, Md.

Initiated in April: Roger Betty, Wilmington; Art Butler, Upper Montclair, N.J.; Jack Byrne, Wilmington; Larry Dalton, Media, Pa.; Don Dare, Elkton, Md.; Bill Evans, Wilmington; Harvey Hirst, Morristown, N.J.; Jack Jester, Gordon Heights; Sherwood Joy, Collingswood, N.J.; Steve Kaiser, Wilmington; Wilson Levis, Newark; Jim McCarthy, Bellfonte; Gil McCurdy, Jenkintown, Pa.; Matt Mitten, Dover; Giff Nowland, Marshallton; and Bill Valler, Havertown, Pa.

The Savoy Company presented the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera *Patience*, at Longwood Gardens, home of Pierre S. DuPont, on June 3. The Delaware Alpha alumni and Bruce Warren of the active chapter handled the sale of tickets. The active chapter supplied the ushers. Before the performance Mr. DuPont gave a dinner for the ushers.

In the Student Government Association elections, Bob Miller, Dick Diver, and Bill Groetzinger were selected as senior class representative, representative from the School of Arts and Sciences, and representative for the School of Engineering, respectively. Groetzinger also won

an award at the Honors Day program as did Bob Burk and Wray Hushebeck. Gretz's award was for scholastic achievement and leadership as a member of the R.O.T.C. Bob Burk's award was for a short story he wrote in a creative writing contest and Wray Hushebeck was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Army Reserve Officers' Corps. Les Riggs was elected managing editor of *The Review*, the campus weekly paper.

Larry Dalton was awarded the Outstanding Pledge Cup at the Father and Son banquet. Larry is a sophomore this fall and is a member of the varsity football and lacrosse teams.

The annual alumni reunion was held in May at the Kennett Square Country Club. About 100 alumni and actives attended. Football movies of the '49 Delaware season were shown.

Pledge Frank Albera was elected captain of the varsity basketball team, while Bill Pie was elected captain of the varsity golf team. Pie had the best golf record of the season with eight wins, one loss, and one tie. The golf team is comprised of four brothers, Bill Burnett, Miles Powell, Harvey Hirst, and Pie. At the invitational golf tournament held at Juniata, Delaware placed fourth out of 16 teams. In track, Baylis, Fouracre, and Lingo won varsity letters, and Evans, Mitten and Pledge Fisher won freshman letters. Lingo placed fourth in the finals of the 220 high hurdles event of the Middle Atlantic Track and Field Championships which were held at the university. John Buechele, won a letter in tennis.

Delaware Alpha placed third in the annual interfraternity relay contest. Baylis, Groetzinger, Schlenzig, and Evans comprised the squad.

Bob Schlenzig entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis in June. While at Delaware he was a member of the track team and also participated in many intramural sports.

History has been made at the University of Delaware. Delaware Alpha has installed a kitchen in the house for full eating facilities. The kitchen is installed in the lower deck of the house, where formerly stood a study room, a washroom, and a woodroom. The meeting room is being used as a dining room also. Delaware Alpha thus becomes the first fraternity on the Delaware campus to have its own eating facilities. We feel sure this move has created more spirit and brotherhood.

Scholastically, we have advanced one position since last term. Bill Groetzinger again copped high honors with a 4.0 index for the second semester in a row. Bill is also a member of many extracurricular activities in the university and the fraternity.

The softball team was the main attraction of the summer school session. Two Sigma Nu's Jimmy Jones and Joe Higgins, and a graduate chemist Tom Noone, who lived in the house during the summer, along with Brothers Dick



Tyler, Don Huston, R. X. Miller, Harvey Hirst, Stan Wasik, Pete Anderson, and Dick Stoeffel made up the squad. The team won five and lost one and was in the playoffs for the summer school championship.

Dick Tyler inspired one house party during the summer, to which the brothers brought their dates and other friends from around the campus. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Our ever faithful mother, Mrs. Worth, was there as usual as a chaperon. It has been some time since she had missed a Sig Ep affair.

Joe Lynam has entered Harvard Business School, while Joe Miller is enrolled at Northwestern's Graduate School of Engineering under a fellowship awarded to him.

—ROGER D. BROWNING

## Denver

Robert F. O'Donnell, of Denver, a junior majoring in business administration, was elected president of the interfraternity council.

## Duke

June graduates: Fred Conway, Bob DeVore, Bill Elrod, Malcolm Magaw, Dave Middleton, Sam Moorhead, Don McCullen, Colbert Smith, and Jim Ware.

Walter Croy was appointed new pledge trainer, succeeding Frank Barranco. Ben Hall Hackney, Jr., Lucama, N.C., was pledged May 31. Ben was appointed chairman of the honor system committee, a committee to study the honor system at Duke. John Few was elected secretary of the Duke Glee Club.

Our softball team, managed by Bob Clark, had a successful season with a win, four lost, two scored.

We want to get a more active alumni group. That is one of the things necessary for a good chapter. We hope to write our alumni and make more contacts with them. We also want to start an alumni news letter. It will, of course, take a large amount of money to do this, but we are making plans to raise the money. Many of the brothers who are working this summer are going to make contributions of various amounts.

Many of our brothers are scattered over various parts of the world this summer. Two, Vern Calloway and Jim Ware, took advantage of "Sigma Phi Epsilon goes to Europe." Two brothers are in summer school in Wyoming, taking some pre-med work.

Art Christakos has been named assistant house captain by F.A.C. next year.

Last official social function of last term was a dinner and dance in honor of the seniors, held at the Marine Room in downtown Durham.

Last spring N.C. Gamma pledged twelve men. Of these, the following were initiated: Bob Clark, Bob Clair, Ken Kelly, Mac Maus,



At Denver Queen of Hearts dance . . . From left: Richard Evans, Kathleen Klower, Robert Jones, Queen Joyce Johnson, Billie Jo Myers, and Jerry Ryan.

Merv Swing, Jon O'Donnell, and Harry Metro-pol.

New officers elected were: Bill Grossnickle, president; Vern Calloway, vice-president; Dick Kelly, secretary; Keith Glover, corresponding secretary; Walter Hudgins, treasurer; and Charles Griffin, historian. Walter Croy was appointed pledge trainer succeeding Frank Barranco.

In intramurals our volleyball team won the division championship which gained the fraternity a handsome trophy. Our softball team won four and lost one for a very successful season.

The chapter room has been redecorated with some new additions and some furniture replaced.

We hope to have our alumni work going strong by early October. We hope to see more alumni for the homecoming game with Georgia Tech.

N.C. Gamma's football team should be more experienced and stronger in every position this season. Our line will average over 200 pounds. There will be more experience in the backfield with the returning stars of last season and some new potential stars. Our team appears to be heavy, fast and more experienced this year. Returning lettermen will be Bob Clark, Ben Hackney, Bill Grossnickle, Keith Glover, Walter

Denver Sig Eps at Doc Lininger's cabin in the Rockies. From left: Les Payne, Dick Russell, Matt McBride, Doc, George Valien.



Croy, Art Judd, Ed Dunklee, and our center Frank Barranco.

Our social events should be highly enjoyable this year. Vern Calloway our new social chairman already has some fine ideas.

There will be no rushing of freshmen this first semester for we can only rush C average men the second semester. There will be open house in the fall semester, but no pledging.

—CHARLES W. GRIFFIN

## Florida

Our newest members, May 14, are: Charles E. Wagner, Melbourne; James L. Butler, Jacksonville Beach; and Robert A. Lagasse, Gainesville.

We have new tables for the patio and a new electric water cooler for the summer months. Also we have a new piano given us recently by the alumni.

We played host to a tri-district convention. Chapters represented, in addition to Florida Alpha were, Florida Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Alabama Alpha and Beta and Georgia Alpha. Florida Alpha also took an active part in the installation of Florida's fifth chapter, Florida Epsilon at Florida State University, on May 6.

Housemother Mrs. Dean Turner resigned at the end of spring semester due to poor health. Mother Turner, who was our first housemother, came with our new dining hall three years ago.

Summer Frolics was the big bright spot in the summer horizon.

The Sig Eps made themselves known in the realm of intramural softball this summer. We were runner-up first session losing only the crucial final game. In the second session we combined with the Kappa Sigs to form the championship team. The league lead was decided in the last game when Jack Dyer pitched a thrilling no hitter to clinch undisputed possession of first place.

Bob Busse and Warren Delmar won berths on the summer Executive Council. Jim Rivers has done a fine job as business manager of the summer *Gator*.

For Summer Frolics Jim Williamson social chairman, and his staff, planned a moonshiners ball for Friday night with appropriate decorations. Saturday afternoon was the concert by Johnny Jelinek's Orchestra. Saturday night was the big dance in Florida gymnasium featuring Jelinek and Joan Edwards of Hit Parade fame.

A new piano has been donated by the alumni.

Our three new initiates, Jim Butler, Bob Lagasse, and Charles Wagner, bring the active chapter enrollment to 85.

The alumni gave a swimming party and hamburger fry for the summer chapter at Fannin Springs.

Several of the boys have gotten their call from different branches of the service.

The resignation of Mrs. Turner as housemother left us with the problem of finding a new one. Summer President Leroy Morrison and the local alumni after working long and hard interviewing numerous applicants have made a selection that is agreeable to all. She is Mrs. Verna Derby. Mrs. Derby was born in Kentucky but has lived in Gainesville for the past 12 years. Her husband was a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Harvard. He taught at the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota before going into research work. She ran a hotel for several years where she gained considerable experience with dining rooms. She is also a graduate nurse. Mrs. Derby has a winning personality and a congenial smile that makes us certain that the selection committee made a wise choice.

Dan Meadows is rushing chairman this year. He has a committee working in all sections of the state. These committees are holding rush parties for the outstanding boys in their locality.

—EDDIE TARRATUS

## Florida Southern

Initiates since the last JOURNAL: Thomas Bataleas, '51, New York City; Edward Carlton, '52, Fort Meyers; William McDermott, '50, Hornell, N.Y.; Roy Morton, '51, Wildwood, N.J.; Wendell Putt, '50, Akron, Ohio; Robert Riccio, '50, New York City; Walter Shifflet, '51, Elkton, Va.; Edward Simon, '50, Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y.; and John Ward Baldwin, Long Island, N.Y.

Also: Roger O'Byrne, Greeley, Colo.; David M. Yeager, Sebring; Bernard Gavry, Amsterdam, N.Y.; Eugene D. Molinaro, Newark, N.J.; Joseph P. Rivers, Carteret, N.J.; Neil A. MacDonald, Wagram, N.C.; Joseph Otto, Arlington Heights, Ill.; William Pitten, Elizabethton, N.J.; Richard Hanson, Oak Park, Ill.; Roy E. Carey, Union, N.J.; Raymond E. Dyer, Jr., Haddonfield, N.J.; Kenneth Williams, Oak Park, Ill.; Peter Hastings, Washington, D.C.; Ray A. McDougall, St. Augustine.

The first Clifford J. Scott Memorial Key of Florida Delta was awarded to James Conlon who won the award with a 2.3 average for four years here at Florida Southern. He was not only outstanding in scholastic ability but also in social activities. Plans for better scholastic grades include co-operating study groups, tutoring, strict maintenance of quiet hours.

Last school year ended with Sig Ep losing five men through graduation, the least of any of the fraternities. Robert Riccio was graduated at the end of the winter quarter, receiving an A.B. degree with honors. Leaving us at the end of the year were: Jack Wright, Pawling, N.Y., A.B. in psychology; William McDermott, Hornell, N.Y., A.B.; Wendell Putt, Akron, Ohio, B.S. in biology; and Edward Simon, Hempstead, N.Y., B.S. in business administration.

Officers are: president, Jack Machold; vice-



president, Ralph Caprio; secretary, Tom Bataleas; comptroller, Roy Morton; historian, John Ward; guard, William Cogan; senior marshal, Russell Pritchard; junior marshal, William Millazo.  
—JOHN WARD

## Illinois

Illinois Alpha ended last school term with the pledging of Dick Hoppe, Paul Garman, Bob Hull, and Bob Watson.

The Mothers' Week-end was attended by nearly 50 mothers. The third floor of the chapter house and the larger dormitory were turned over to them. At the banquet on Saturday evening, Harry Fritz received the Outstanding Pledge Award.

Ray Bushee was appointed house director by the Alumni Board of Control. He is a member of the faculty.

Illinois Alpha will be very well represented in athletics this coming year. Don Laz, our nationally known polevaulter, is the new track captain. Don Sunderlage will captain the basketball team, which will be coached by Brother Harry Combes. Don Ellis, Dick Read, Joe Hall, and Dick Tank will see action in football.

Our doubles handball champs, Charles Shumard and Charles Emmert, went on to take the MING Championship. The MING Tournament brings together all divisions of the University of Illinois for intramural sports competition.

Social activities were highlighted by the annual Spring Formal, which took place on May 26. The next day a picnic was held at Kickapoo Park.

A reception room, featuring an assortment of tropical flowers and a palm tree, has recently been completed. Out in front of the house, a retaining wall is being built to prevent our lawn from washing away every time it rains. We hope to have the barbecue grounds, in the rear of the house, in good shape before the cold weather comes.

—JOHN CORCORAN

## Illinois Tech

The interfraternity softball tourney, which was played on the windy shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago's Grant Park, placed our chapter out of the winner's section with only three wins against an equal number of losses. Don Sanders pounded out homer after homer.

Other chapter activities included a farewell supper honoring our graduating seniors and a summer picnic held at one of the near-by lakes.

Newly installed officers are: president, Fred Sanders; vice-president, Bert Neighbour; historian, Wayne Wiechmann; comptroller, Bob Reischauer; recording secretary, Jess Cioffoletti; corresponding secretary, Edgar Eubanks.

—WAYNE WIECHMANN

Our new faculty adviser, Richard Schmittke, instructor in mechanical engineering, is a Michigander, having received his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Michigan. He was a pitcher on the Maize and Blue ball team, and also, for a short time with the Hannibal, Mo., professional baseball team. Dick also did some work at Los Alamos on the A-Bomb project.

Don Wageck took the role of leading lady in the Illinois Tech players guild production *Haul It Home*.

The interfraternity ping-pong season ended with the Sig Eps in third place. Our outstanding paddle-wielders were Captain Hal Hebenstreit, Bob Hansen, Bill Mitchell, and Mike Miller.

Fred Sanders has been pledged by Beta Omega Nu, the interfraternity honorary.

—BERT NEIGHBOUR

## Indiana

The present Indiana Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was reactivated on the Indiana University campus in March of 1947, and the chapter house was secured and ready for occupancy in the fall of that year. Since that date the Indiana Sig Eps have grown rapidly both in numbers and in prominence on the Indiana campus. In three short years their membership has risen to approximately 80 men, and they have furnished the campus with a number of outstanding leaders in both social and political activities.

Although young in years, the Indiana chapter is among the acknowledged leaders of social and academic life at Indiana U.

The Sig Ep pin serenade is generally regarded as one of the most colorful and inspiring events on the I.U. calendar. For the past three years the Sig Eps have won distinction and wide recognition as one of the top vocal groups on campus. In the annual University Sing, in which all campus organizations participate, the Indiana Sig Eps have consistently placed among the top groups. This Spring they were selected by the judges as the most outstanding group in the Sing for their Waring-like rendition of "Wanderin'".

The highlight of the Sig Ep social calendar is the annual anniversary dance, the Golden Heart Ball, held each spring, although many other dances, exchange dinners, picnics, etc., are enjoyed during the school year.

Even though the Indiana Sig Eps participate in an intense but well-rounded social life, they have nevertheless placed near the top in scholastic achievement among campus organizations. Their scholastic average is above the all-men's average—an accomplishment which few other fraternities attain.

In addition, the Sig Eps participate in all intramural sports, and several men have been outstanding. The Sig Ep basketball team tied for first place this year in their league.

Individual Sig Ep achievements on campus are numerous. Among the most outstanding have been Jewell Rogers, who has served as president of the Y.M.C.A. and the Pre-Law Club, member of Sphinx Club and Blue Key and many other campus honorary organizations. He was voted the most outstanding Sig Ep senior by the chapter. He was also selected by the campus yearbook staff as one of the most outstanding I.U. seniors.

Bill Allen served as an editor of the campus newspaper, the *Indiana Daily Student*, this year, and Carl Purcell was selected as the editor of the campus humor magazine, the *Crimson Bull*.

The past school year has been one of tremendous growth, activity, and honor.

—ROBERT J. MYER

## Iowa

Iowa Sig Eps had the largest pledge class on campus at the close of the school year, totaling 15 members. A strong summer rushing program directed by Jim Cruse is helping us to reach full strength.

President Pahre is president of the interfraternity council, and Dan Miller will be editor of the 1951 *Hawkeye*, SUI yearbook. Others are active in chemical, engineering, and commerce professional fraternities, and hold important positions including: president of the freshman pharmacy class, members of the Central Party Committee and Freshman Orientation, Tailfeathers (pep organization) committee heads, *Frivol* staff members, and active

members of many other campus organizations including band and various honoraries.

The new social calendar, as already compiled by chairman John Carney, promises to be a full and exciting one. It will include such traditionals as the Winter Formal, the always-successful "Swinging-Door Swagger" and the Queen of Hearts Ball.

—J. E. KNOBBE

## Iowa State

For our Spring Barn Dance our balcony took on the appearance of the hay mow, with a ladder leading to it from the living room. Blue jeans and plaid shirts were the only dress allowed. A harmonica and jug orchestra provided the intermission entertainment along with Clare "Burl Ives" Russie who gave us his rendition of "Foggy, Foggy Dew" and several other folk songs.

The picnic was held on a Sunday at the Ledges State Park. The annual pledge-active softball game was a feature of the afternoon with the actives recapturing the Brown Jug Trophy by winning a tight game.

Softball was also the main intramural interest this spring. After having been in the Class A finals for two consecutive years and winning the trophy last year, we landed three teams in that class again. We wound up sixth in the total intramural points for the year out of the 29 fraternities participating.

Winning the medley relay helped bring the house in fourth in the outdoor track competition. Lee Diton, Don Gregson, and Jim Kohou-



Couples having fun at Iowa State hayshaker party.



tek and Pledge Gene Egland captured the medley trophy for the house with Gene running a 2:05 half mile. Pledge Sam Long copped a first in the football throw and Jim Kohoutek took a second in the broad-jump.

—BOB MERRIAM

Our chief acclamation is of George Schoel, veterinary medicine senior, who was tapped by Cardinal Key, men's scholastic and activities honorary, during the Veishea celebrations. He was also chosen as its president for the coming year—the highest honor an undergraduate may receive at Iowa State. George has been outstanding during his college career and certainly deserved this commendation. This is the third time in the last five years that a Sig Ep has received this honor; Warren Hayes in 1946 and Ron Norman in 1947. Among his other honors, Schoel was elected president of the A.V.M.A. for the coming year.

Also in the line of activities, Hjalmar Sandberg was elected president of the Student Union Board in an all-college election this spring. Willis Shaner was elected president of the Knights of St. Patrick and was initiated into Tau Beta Pi, both national engineering honoraries. Hart Williamson was elected president of the Industrial Economics Society, and Bob Pooley was chosen vice-president of the General Engineering Society. Bob Merriam was in charge of the student migration to Evanston for the Northwestern-ISC football game September 30.

On March 13 the new officers for the coming year were installed: president, Tom Huston; vice-president, Bob Barnes; comptroller, Ben Altman; historian, Bob Merriam; secretary, George Swift; senior marshal, Jim Erland; junior marshal, Jim Knight; guard, Chuck Burke.

The new initiates of spring quarter were Harry Kiliper, Dick Bauerle, Phil Brunk, Lee Diton, Bob Mekemson, Lee McGregor, and John Wood. This brings the total number of men initiated by Iowa Beta to 482. As the new men came we also lost nine men. Joe Weber, retiring president, Bob Brockelman, and Jim Lynch graduated at the end of winter quarter, and Dick Von Berg, Darrel Reil, Bob Orman, Jerry Kiliper, Bob Huber, and Al Marron were graduated in June. Three new men were added to the pledge class: Gene Egland, Howard Nicoll, and George Thomas.

Don Osgood has taken a job as a producer at WOI-TV here in Ames, which is the only college-owned television station in the country. Dr. Ollie Whitcomb has joined the college staff as an instructor in veterinary surgery at ISC. John Daw, former vice-president and Conclave delegate, is now well settled at Notre Dame where he is completing his course in Arch. E.

We placed three teams in Class A softball, with one finishing in third place. This is the first time in three years that a Sig Ep team



Collegians may come and collegians may go, but bridge, as here on the terrace at Iowa Sig Ep house, goes on forever.

hasn't appeared in the championship game. The summer session team did much better winning the intramural crown. At the close of the year Sig Ep was in fifth place among the fraternities and was pressing the leaders. Pledge Sam Long won three freshman numerals, performing in football, basketball, and baseball. Sam is a former all-state athlete from Ottumwa and is rated as one of the outstanding freshman athletes on campus. Other freshman numeral winners were Claire Russie, Wayne Cummings, Gene Egeland, Harry Kiliper, and Lee Diton.

Closing on a bright note we find that Iowa Beta finished above the all-men's average for the scholastic year. Phil Brunk was the initial recipient of the new pledge scholarship award for his scholarship achievement during winter quarter.

—HART WILLIAMSON

## Kentucky

Studies were interrupted May 29 with a masquerade ball. The house was decorated inside and out with a carnival theme. The front of the house was covered with a large clown's face through which everybody had to pass in order to enter the house. The clown's face had a large red nose which flashed on and off, and the whole front was floodlighted. This caused such an attraction to the passing traffic that traffic was slowed down considerably.

On May 6 a Pledge-Active picnic was held at Harrington Lake and on the next day 18 new men were initiated: John McCellan, Henry Moody, Don Slone, Jack Taylor, Bill Walls, Don Dowden, Braxton King, Bob O'nan, Jim Palmore, Jim Kemp, Paul Cramer, Henry Simpson, Oakle Petrey, Larry Myers, Pat Hall, Richard Hood, Jack Hardwick, and Bob Link.

On May 13 we held our Alumni reunion which was well attended, and was climaxed with a banquet that night.

Social season of the old term was climaxed



"The Modern George Washington" was theme of Kentucky Alpha's May Day parade float.

on May 26 with our spring formal held at the Student Union. The Spring Theme was carried out with a miniature spring garden in the center of the floor complete with flowers and trellis. The walls were decorated with huge corsages of imitation violets.

To improve the appearance of the house, group pictures have been refinished and re-mounted and hung in the chapter room. A large map of Kentucky with different colored map pins on it to indicate where each active, pledge, and alumnus is from has been hung in our social room in the basement. On it is also listed the names of all of our members, both past and present, both those living in this state and out of state and their home towns in alphabetical order.

Another project is pine-panelling our basement, with built-in record cabinets and indirect lighting.

—RALPH SHELL

### Lawrence

Our annual costume party, the Epsaloon, was held March 18. Social Chairman Fred Hill made the arrangements. The theme was "Nightmare Alley" and a good time was had by all amid ghosts, vampires, ghouls, bats, skeletons, and various other weird creatures. Spence Potter, Tom Stienecker, and Tom Keough starred in a takeoff on Ben Jonson's play, *The Alchemist*, called *The Alcoholic Chemist*.

April 22 was held the Sweetheart Ball, when Margaret Scott of Minneapolis, pinned to "Buck" Brown of Skokie, Ill., was crowned Sig Ep Sweetheart.

Out for spring football were Neal Marshall, Bill Botsford, and Bill Nitzche. Sig Ep ended up in third place in the interfraternity track meet and fourth in baseball competition and placed third in the Supremacy Cup race.

Graduation luncheon of Kentucky "Wives and Mothers Club." This is second time such a luncheon has been held in honor of those graduating, and may become a real tradition.





After a late spring initiation our chapter swelled to a membership of close to 70 actives, with the addition of the following men: Mark Else, Tom Keough, Bill Botsford, Jim Patten, Dick Olsen, Larry Larsen, Ted Hill, Dick Krueger, Don Dorst, John Murdock, Dick Persike, and Doug Thomson. This leaves us with only 5 pledges. June graduation depleted our ranks by about 19 members. Those leaving were Spence Potter, Cal Chamberlain, Larry Potter, Bill Bick, Bill Beringer, "Fuzz" Hunger, Chuck Knoedler, Joe Kortenhof, Bill Kuenzi, Jack Meloney, Ralph Meyer, Jerry Papke, Bob Parker, Bill Pellow, Gordon Sperberg, Art Thiel, Jim Throne, Bill Totos, and Chuck Williams.

Rushing plans for the summer organized by co-chairmen "Buck" Brown and John Hollingsworth, included parties in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Appleton on August 13, 20, and 27, respectively.

—JIM KRUYNÉ

## Lehigh

Graduation took 12 of our best men. Before he was graduated Carl Reetz was chosen Lehigh's outstanding athlete.

The pledge class numbers 14, not counting our new mascot, Pegis, a small black dog of uncertain breed, that seemed to have been attracted to the house by our high-powered rushing approach.

Alumni weekend was enjoyed by approximately 30 returning brothers. Past Grand President Walter G. Fly, a D.C. Alphan but a Penn Epsilonian by adoption, was chosen president of the alumni board; James Galager was elected vice-president; while John Culliney was re-elected treasurer.

—F. C. ROSCH, JR.

## Maryland

As four Texas Rangers charged into the clearing with six-shooters blazing, the Confederate Flag was reverently raised to the top of the flagpole. A fitting beginning for Maryland Beta's Frontier Day Party, which we hope to make an annual affair.

Representatives were invited from each sorority on campus to compete for the trophy and the title of "Frontier Gal." Selection was based on costume, looks, and cumulative score in a number of contests. These contests ranged from butter-making, "roll your own cigarette," and a sack race to an archery contest with a paper buffalo target. The winner was Betty Richter who is a Tri-Delt. Among the judges were Dr. William Negherbon, our faculty adviser, and Dr. William Mann who is chairman of the National Zoological Park in Washington.

Texas Rangers, Mexicans, swindlers, tin-horn gamblers, Indians, maids in calico, and cow pokes were seen roaming over the "prairie" carefully avoiding the numerous transplanted cacti, or sitting on the corral fence to watch the animals. Horses, cows, pigs, and sheep were



Memphis State's Joe Kavanaugh, recently voted most typical collegian on campus.

on loan from the Department of Animal Husbandry of the University.

Highlights of the day were the Medicine Man Show (ably performed by Pledge Dick Corrodino), a series of dances by the can-can girls (George Smith, Tom Grabill, Dick Katz, and Walt Woodhead) which would make any red-blooded cow poke's mustache curl, and a mock hanging which, much to the crowd's disappointment, was stopped by the "Marshal" (G. W. Bell) and his deputies.

The affair received very favorable publicity from two Washington newspapers, the *Post* and the *Evening Star*, and the campus newspaper.

On the last Sunday before school closed the chapter attended church as a corporate group and presented flowers in memory of Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, and Charles Pafford.

During the summer the house was in charge of the Pledge Class President, Paul Ripley.

—GEORGE M. JARVIS

## Memphis State

Tennessee Beta fall rushing events include several parties and dinners. Various maps of Sig Ep chapters over the nation, past events of Tennessee Beta's progress in pictures and writing, the fraternity scrapbook, and the fraternity bulletin board are being used to stress the friendship and brotherhood of Sig Ep members.

Tennessee Beta has received wide acclaim for its paddle burning ceremony since it took place on the campus April 12.

All the new officers attended summer school. They are: Thomas Sheddan, president; Joe

Kavanaugh, vice-president; George Lewis, comptroller; Edward Curry, historian; and Jere Nichols, secretary.

Recent initiates are Paul Arnold, Alvin Hayes, Minor Holland, James O'Donnell, Fred Penick, Bobby Ungerecht, and Bob White.

June graduates include James Gavin, James Dudley Curry, James Lewis, John Anderson, Horace Laird, Fred Willis, Jim Sousoulas, Villard East, John Donoho, James Shangle, and H. C. Fryar, Jr.

During the Memphis Cotton Carnival, Tennessee Beta operated an active-alumni friendship room at the Hotel Peabody.

On April 12, Tennessee Beta held its Founders' Day ball and banquet at the Continental Ballroom of the Hotel Peabody. Richard Panther, district governor, was guest speaker.

On May 5, the Sig Ep Mothers' Club sponsored a book review for the active chapter. Mrs. C. M. Scott, prominent Memphis reviewer, discussed the current novel *Jubilee Trail* by Gwen Bristow.

Allan Mitchell, sophomore at Memphis State, and Professor Enoch Mitchell, history teacher at Memphis State, are the first father-son combination of Tennessee Beta.

—EDWARD I. CURRY, JR.

Tennessee Beta's greatest issue for the months of July and August was the plans for our fall rushing season. The chapter has many good ideas which it will put into effect during rush week. This includes such items as a Sig Ep information booth to aid freshmen on registration day. Catalogues, schedules, pamphlets, and a helping hand will be available at the booth for the new students.

We hope to have as large and fine a group of pledges as we had the previous year. Scholarship and brotherhood will be stressed at pledge campaigns. The calendar includes these dates for rushing: September 27, assembly for those interested in fraternity affiliation; October 3, first rush party; October 13, quiet day; and October 14, final rush party.

On July 27, the Sig Eps and their dates enjoyed a wonderful evening of dancing and entertainment on the Plantation Roof of the Hotel Peabody.

Progress is being made on the new student union building at Memphis State which will house sorority and fraternity rooms. The spacious Sig Ep room will be our temporary "fraternity house," but will be sufficient for our present needs. Our mothers' and wives club together with our alumni group can give us adequate support in furnishing the room.

Chapter officers for the fall quarter are: Thomas M. Sheddian, president; Joe Kavanaugh, vice-president; George Lewis, comptroller; Edward Curry, historian; and Jere Nichols, secretary.

—EDWARD CURRY

## Miami (Ohio)

Ohio Eta men won their first major campus event last May when the DU Tug O' War trophy came into their possession. Ten of our strongest men combined their efforts to pull the DU huskies into the Tallawanda River in the final round to annex the coveted trophy. Warren Schell captained the strongmen while pledge Al Leob kept the boys in perfect rhythm with his chanting. The actives and pledges and their dates celebrated the victory at a picnic on the banks of the river following the contest.

Loss of our finals match in the softball tournament put us out of the running for the interfraternity all-sports trophy.

Fire added to the excitement of the spring season this year as faulty wiring in the transformer which powered the neon sign in the front of the house started a blaze which caused \$800 worth of damage to the front of the house.

A passerby noticed the fire at about 6:00 A.M. and entered the house to sound the alarm. He was met by Neil McCasky who had been awakened by the smoke and together they aroused the rest of the men sleeping at the house. The brothers went to work and brought the blaze, which completely burned out the office window and some of the adjoining wall, under control before the Oxford Fire Department arrived at the scene.

Activities on Mothers' Day included a tea, buffet style meals at the house, an open house and reception for the mothers and the annual interfraternity sing which Ohio Eta entered under the leadership of Norm Pentz. Elected to lead the Mothers' Club in its first year were: president, Mrs. McFall; vice-president, Mrs. Bremer; secretary, Mrs. Gordon; and treasurer, Mrs. Falthier.

A hayride was the last event on the social agenda for the old year. Two trucks and a tractor-drawn wagon transported actives, pledges, and their dates to the picnic grounds at Darrtown.

—ROGER MANSELL

## Michigan

For the second consecutive year, the all-fraternity athletic trophy rests on our mantel. All year there was at least one fraternity threatening the slim margin of points by which we held first place, but first place in baseball, the last sport of the season, sewed up the trophy with a comfortable lead. Much of the credit for the baseball honors goes to Bob Schmidt, a red-hot pitcher who had every batter in the league faked out into the bleachers. Others on the team were Paddy Haas, Lorne Norton, Bill Mikulich, Fred Auch, Len Martin, Ben Sloat, John Maturo, Larry Gray, and Tony Cybulski.

In politics, George Irving put on a plaid vest, stuck a cigar in his mouth, and led the



boys out on a campaign for class elections. The result: Bill Morris is president of the junior engineering class, Tom Auch is president of the sophomore engineering class, and John MacCarthy is president of his business administration class.

A few weeks earlier, some of the boys had ape suits on, and were marching in the Michigan parade behind the Sig Ep-Tri Delt first place float. The trophy for this competition stands 27 inches high.

Early in May, the Sig Ep glee club dressed out in white formal jackets and walked away with first place in the I.F.C. sing. This is the third time in twelve years that our chapter has won first place. No other fraternity on campus has copped first more than once. Larry Gray directed.

Honoraries tapped four Sig Eps this year. Sphinx, junior lit-school honorary, took Larry Nelson and Dick Martin off to find the river Nile, and Triangle, junior Engineering school honorary, chose Bill Morris and Dave Vanderzee.

—RICHARD MARTIN

## Minnesota

The Minnesota Alpha chapter is proud to announce that it had the highest scholastic average among fraternities on campus for the past school year. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Grand Chapter's Scholarship Cup to add to our trophy collection. Ray Wenz, one of our graduated seniors, was awarded the scholarship key for his average, tops within the chapter for the year.

A number of summer trips were taken by our members, the longest of which was Len Nadasdy's tour through Europe. Len's arrival at a fraternity party in Bavarian dress, knees bared, was a party-stopper. A number of other social gatherings were held at the home of Bob Brown, who learned to be a bachelor at his home during the summer.

An important Sig Ep activity during the summer was hunting for a suitable fraternity house. We made a house-to-house canvass of the already-crowded campus area, but so far have been unsuccessful in our quest.

—WILLIAM REILLY

## Missouri

Returning from a summer all too short, a summer full of ditch-digging, selling, carpentry, of summer cruises and training camps, of pleasantly little studying, and woefully little vacationing, and of as much summer rushing as could be crammed in, the members of Missouri Alpha are looking forward to school, or more aptly put, to the sorority girls, beer busts, parties, and house life in general.

Rush week found the first floor redecorated in a semi-modern decor. The decorators were so pleased with their handiwork the house was

left open several days for public inspection.

While vacationing in Idaho, Mother B. (Mrs. Burnett) fell and broke her left collarbone. In spite of this she was on hand for rush week. Upon the resignation of Gene Mathews as comptroller (he is district manager for an investment firm in Texas), Bob Graves was appointed to fill the position. —JIM CORBETT

## Missouri Mines

On May 15, Albert W. Schlecten and Ralph E. Lee were initiated as honorary members. Schlecten is chairman of the metallurgical department and received his B.S. in 1937 at Montana School of Mines, and his Sc.D. in 1940 at M.I.T. Lee is an assistant professor of mathematics and received his B.S. in 1942 at Missouri Valley.

Pete Koppel was graduated May 29 with highest honors in a class of about 900 graduates. Pete had only 11 hours of S. and an average grade point of 2.93. Besides taking top honors, Pete found time to join the glee club, Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Phi Omega, R.O.T.C. band, Miner Board, and he worked as a student assistant.

Bill Shepard was selected intramural athlete of the year by the M Club of Rolla. Bill was the mainstay of the basketball team, playing in practically every game and scoring points when they were needed most. Bill was forced to drop out of school one semester due to injuries incurred while playing intramural football. Bill was the recipient of a 750 dollar scholarship from the Kennicott Copper Co. Last year's winner was Joe Cronk.

In intramural sports Sig Ep received third place honors in a field of 20 participating teams. Howe, Turnipseed, and Niemzura combined their talents to take second place in horseshoes, while Heyl and Hart took fourth place in golf. Sig Ep placed sixth in track by virtue of Bob Proctor's first in low hurdles and through the efforts of Kline, Ulz, Lynch, and Niemzura.

Among the January graduates returning to receive their degrees May 29, were Phillip Davidson, and Al Hudson. The former is working in Houston, Tex., for a pipeline company. He is presently taking a training period, learning various phases of plant operation, after which he will go into engineering sales.

Al Hudson is working for the National Lead Company in Niagaras Falls.

Missouri Gamma was represented at R.O.T.C. Summer Camp by cadets Bob Flore and Ed Kibler, at Fort Belvoir, Va. —DEWEY KIBLER

## Monmouth

Jim Nixon's election to the presidency of the student body led the parade of individual honors won by Sig Eps during the last year. Don McKinley and Jerry Linton, treasurer and

student body representative of the senior class, respectively, and Jack Feehley, vice-president of the sophomore class, also figured prominently in the political arena.

Jim Feehley and pledge Lyle Bogott were the Sig Eps who figured most prominently in the Fighting Scots' athletic fortunes. Feehley served as co-captain of the football team, and Bogott, a junior played first string in three sports—basketball, football, and baseball. Illinois Gamma was also well represented in all other college sports.

Not to be outdone by their athletic brothers, four Sig Eps took four of the highest scholastic honors of the college. Bob Symphon was elected president of Sigma Omicron Mu, scholastic honorary equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa, and Louis Foster was chosen president of Phi Eta Mu, freshman men's honorary scholastic society. Bob Hofbauer and Bill Veitch, both Sig Eps, were two of the three men chosen as candidates for the national Rhodes Scholarship examinations.

Many Sig Eps were active this year on the college newspaper, the *Oracle*. These included Tom Fleming, assistant editor; Bill Veitch, editorials editor; Bill Apitz, news editor; and Dick Robinson, assistant news editor. Next year Bill Apitz will serve as editor-in-chief, and Ken Miller will be the business manager.

With the publication of the *Ravelings*, the college yearbook, late in May, it was revealed that three Sig Eps were among the eight members of the secret, honorary senior men's society, the Octopus Club. These three men were Jim Feehley, Jerry Linton, and Don McKinley.

Although fifteen of our members were graduated in June, and at least that many plan to transfer, our membership is still growing. After only two years on the Monmouth College campus, Illinois Gamma has grown from a group of 32 charter members to a total membership—actives and pledges—of more than 75.

—TOM FLEMING

## Muhlenberg

Twenty-one brothers ended their undergraduate days at Muhlenberg on June 5.

Carl Criswell, faculty adviser for the last two years, is going to Penn to complete work on his doctorate. While there, he will also teach English.

Irvin Fry and Hank Northington were graduated *cum laude*. Hank will enter the Law School at Washington and Lee University this fall with a full scholarship for the complete course.

Dr. Charles Mortimer, '42, will join the faculty for the school year as a member of the Chemistry Department.

The annual alumni picnic was held August 6 at Schmoyer's Farm and was preceded by an alumni meeting in the morning.

The Mothers' Club held a summer picnic July 13.

—DONALD R. KLENK

## N.Y.U.

Gordon Fontanella, '36, was a house resident during the summer while completing his requirements for a Ph.D. at New York University. He is on the teaching staff at Meridan High School, Meridan, Conn.

Robert Nissen, Oregon State, spent his second summer at the house while taking various courses at New York University.

President Ed Walleth, was the representative from the School of Commerce, New York University, at the annual convention of the National Students Association which was held in Michigan during the month of August. He is also president of Student Council, School of Commerce.

Jim Morisseau, '50, has taken employment with the *Long Island Press*.

Jim McCreary, '49, is employed by Lever Brothers Corporation here in New York.

Gene Wurster, '50, is working with Arthur Young and Co., a well-known C.P.A. firm in New York.

New York Gamma has been host to brothers from chapters representing many of the 48 states during the past summer months and we hope to be host to many more now that the fall semester has begun.

The chapter house has been the scene of much activity during the summer months. Extensive electrical repairs as well as plumbing changes have been and are being completed to continue the program of repairs undertaken when the house was purchased three years ago. Present plans call for installation of all new stall showers and new piping in all the rooms as well as a complete new electric wiring job all over the house.

—J. RICHARD MULLALY

## North Carolina

New officers: Willard Herring, president; Adger Williams, vice-president; James L. Merritt, dining hall manager; George Webb, comptroller; Douglas Carter, recording secretary; Elwood Clinard, corresponding secretary; and Sterlyn Hennis, historian.

In the committee appointments President Herring instituted a new committee on Building Funds which has organized our efforts toward securing a new house of our own.

Proving the strides that we have made in scholarship, three brothers were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa: Elwood Clinard, Bob Gilchrest, and George Webb. Brother Gilchrest also became a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, commerce honorary.

June graduates: R. P. Early, Thomas E. Blair, and Charles T. Foley each received a B.S. in commerce. Jack Burney and Tracy Loundsbury received A.B.'s in radio, and Skeets Baldwin, a B.S. in chemistry.

Summer social functions included an ice cream party and a hay ride to Hogan's Lake.



Two men were initiated Wednesday, June 28: Fred Riddle, Sanford, N.C., and Bill Milburn, Winston-Salem.

Alumni George Atkins and Joe Jones, both of Winston-Salem, visited the chapter during graduation.

House manager Adger Williams carried on a fulltime job of painting and making minor repairs on the house this summer.

—ELWOOD CLINARD

### **North Carolina State**

Graduates: James L. Holloway, Charles H. Boney, Thornton W. Rose, Jacob R. Bunch, Irving W. Gower, Walter L. Barnes, William G. Head, Denis B. Fleming, Robert S. Hall, C. Harter Thayer, John F. Johnson, Thomas J. Upchurch, and Richard David Dillender.

John A. Poteat, a member of the class of 1952, entered West Point in July, and Richard E. Brownlee, '52, will enter Annapolis.

Work has progressed on our back lot, the latest addition being a concrete driveway and walk, which were leveled and poured by the members and pledges.

—DICK MITCHELL

Recent initiates: David N. Lonon, III, Marion; Bradford J. Wiggins, Wilmington; A. Bruce Reid, Philadelphia, Pa.; Milton J. Moore, Elm City; Leon M. Hobbs, Jr., Lumberton; Jerry D. Lewis, Leland; Melvin G. Christy, Kannapolis; G. Jackson Russell, Fletcher; Charles E. Smith, Wilmington; T. E. Ricks, Whitakers; James N. Vause, LaGrange; Thomas B. Jones, III, Forest City; John E. Cunningham, Winston-Salem; William H. Talbert, Winston-Salem; and Clifford J. Walton, Jr., Harrisburg, Pa.

—DICK MITCHELL

### **Oklahoma A & M**

The house remained open all three summer months for those who are attending summer school. As Stillwater is in a centralized spot in Oklahoma, the house is also being used as the headquarters of summer rush.

During April and May four men were pledged: Chuck Wurth, Enid; Frank Gaesser, Rochester, N.Y.; Anthony Navickas, Old Bridge, N.J.; John Grabko, Little River, N.J. Transferring to Oklahoma Alpha is Jerry Hamman from Oklahoma Beta at Oklahoma University.

Achievements on the campus made by Oklahoma Aggie Sig Eps include the initiation of Clark Doan into Blue Key; Don Bobek elected president of Alpha Pi Mu, honorary pre-medical fraternity; Jack Givens was elected senator of the junior class for the coming year and social chairman of the R.O.T.C. Clark Doan won the individual award for his tap dance routine in the Annual Varsity Review. Terry Leard, who served as feature editor of the 1950 *Redskin*, campus yearbook, will be assistant editor for



Make-believe at Oklahoma A & M. The state is dry and so is the Sig Ep house. Still Keith Casner, Hugh Stone, and Hall Davidson and dates enjoy Bowery Brawl.

the 1951 edition. Tom Stafford received the plaque for the outstanding freshman in the Aggie Band for the past year.

In intramural athletics with the competition of 20 fraternities, Sig Eps ended five points out of fourth place for the All Sports Trophy. During the past year we placed third in football, third in volleyball, third in tennis, fourth in softball, second in wrestling, fourth in ping-pong,



John Grabko, Oklahoma A & M fullback.



Oklahoma A & M Sigma Chi lads get a drubbing at the hands of Sig Eps as Earl Casner passes to a touchdown and victory in intramural football.

and second in track. The previous year we nailed down second place.

Jim Christopher, pitcher, and Jack Rice, catcher, are in baseball. In track, Sig Eps are represented by Bob Brandeberry, middle distance man, who paced the Aggies to victory in the Drake and Kansas Relays and to the Missouri Valley Conference Crown. Aggie wrestlers, who have won the N.C.A.A. title for the past 16 of 20 years, have Bill Jernigan, who wrestled on the Olympic team two years ago, Rod Baker, and Keith Groom. In football this fall, Aggie opponents will be seeing John Grabko, F. A. Dry, Bob Farmer, and Tony Navickas. Grabko was proclaimed a sophomore sensation last year and will be holding down the fullback position, while Dry, a sophomore this year, will have the second string center duties. On the Aggie athletic staff is Joe Brown, Georgia Tech Sig Ep, who is quarterback coach.

Plans are being made for the 30th Annual Bowery Ball to be held October 21. Music will be by the Varsitonians whose business manager and master of ceremonies is Sig Ep Bill Beck. The following Saturday October 28, is Homecoming for all Aggies and Sig Eps. Missouri University Tigers and the Oklahoma Aggies meet on enlarged Lewis field, now seating 42,000, and we welcome all alumni to see the homecoming parade, the game and dinner at the house that evening.

Rush week begins September 7. Larry Jernigan, Tulsa, was summer rush chairman, assisted by Don Boggs, Oklahoma City; Terry Leard, Hugo; and Chuck Wurth, Enid.

Oklahoma Alpha enters the school year with an excellent outlook in all fields. Our scholarship average for the past spring semester was raised considerably. The actual average has not yet been released by the college authorities, but from all indications we will be in the top five of the 20 fraternities on the Oklahoma Aggie campus. Socially we are anticipating the "Bowery Brawl" to be given October 21.

During the summer, the house was open to those attending summer school and has been used as the center of rushing activity which wound up with parties in Oklahoma City and Tulsa the latter part of August. Earl Casner, president, was awarded a trophy for being the outstanding ROTC student in Summer Camp at Camp Hood, Tex. Bob Harrison, comptroller, received the Clifford B. Scott Medal for his scholarship during the past school year.

Oklahoma Alpha regrets the loss of eight men to active duty with the armed services. The 45th Division of the National Guard took the bulk of the loss when the boys reported for duty September 1. Of the eight men leaving, five were members of the famed "Fighting 45th." Ride 'em Cowboys—famous yell of all Oklahoma Aggies—goes from our heart to these brothers of ours wherever they may be.

Oklahoma Alpha's present strength stands at an even 100.

March 12, 1950 initiates: Lawrence C. Jernigan, Tulsa; Richard G. Spurlin, El Reno; Evan L. Reynolds, Woodward; Donald L. Boggs, Oklahoma City; Ronald E. Carlson, Tulsa; Keith Casner, Wichita, Kan.; William



H. Harris, Durant; C. Robert Hutchison, Ft. Madison, Iowa; Newlin W. Kessler, Tulsa; Carl E. Legg, Centralia; Glen A. Leonhart, Oklahoma City; Harold L. Love, Tulsa; Leslie Moore, Arlington, Va.; John H. Ricker, El Reno; James A. Ticer, Stillwater; Robert N. Wall, Jr., Anadarko.

The model pledge chosen out of the above men was Newlin Kessler, of Tulsa. He received his pin as a gift of the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter. From the two pledge classes initiated this year, a model pledge was chosen from each. From the two model pledges, Kessler and Bill Yeats, Hartshorne, Yeats' name was chosen to be inscribed on the Outstanding Pledge Plaque given to this chapter last year by the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter.

Officers: Earl Casner, Wichita, Kan., president; Paul Seeley, Wichita, Kan., vice-president; Robert E. Harrison, Hugo, comptroller; G. Richard Brown, Tulsa, historian; Walter Beatty, Oklahoma City, secretary; Bob Hutchison, Ft. Madison, Iowa, guard; Wallace Beckley, El Reno, senior marshal; Leslie Moore, Arlington, Va., junior marshal; Joe Moose Williams, Dodge City, Kan., sergeant at arms; Phil Viseur, Tulsa, alumni correspondent.

—G. RICHARD BROWN

## Oregon State

Many Oregon Alpha men have been chosen to head campus organizations or projects for the coming year. Among new presidents are Royal De Lany, Sigma Delta Psi, athletic honorary; Jim Gray, Blue Key, senior service society; Dave Perry, Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary; and Len Perlich, Toastmaster's Club. Bob Blount will chairman Rook Counselors for freshman orientation this fall, and Jim Gray will be in charge of the all-campus musicale. Ben Whiteley serves as vice-president of the Co-op Manager's Board, and Marv Robertson will be parliamentarian for the student senate. M.U. publicity chairman Al Urquhart is the new member of Thanes, sophomore service society. Bob Blount and Dick Goff serve on Round Table, campus activity board, and Al Hoff heads Wesley Foundation.

Artist Jim Rogers captured the sole elective office for the house on the senior class council.

Ralph Klingbeil and Al Hoff did such a fine job in running the best campus blood drive in the country that Ralph received a free trip to the Red Cross convention the past summer to instruct them in successful drive methods.

Seven Sig Eps were tapped for Phi Kappa Phi at the recent honors convo: Bob Young, Roni Clarke, Bill Burns, Ralph Klingbeil, Jim Rodgers, Bob Schierman, Elvan Pitney. Two new Blue Key members are Jim Gray and Bob Young. Sigma Delta Psi claimed Royal De Lany and Ron Houck. De Lany also made Phi Sigma. Chapter president Art Well entered Sigma Gamma Epsilon and historian Len Weber made Kappa Kappa Psi. Four Sig Ep

freshmen were initiated by Phi Eta Sigma scholastic honorary: Dave Perry, Glen Dillon, Al Urquhart, and Ken Boshears. Len Weber received the Eta Kappa Nu award as outstanding sophomore engineer.

Sig Ep athletes were prominent in spring term events. Bob Morse, Len Rinearson, and Royal De Lany were all standouts on the track team, and were half of Oregon State's representation in the Northern Division meet. Morse and three-sport letterman Rinearson both hurled the discus and put the shot, while De Lany threw the javelin.

Pledges Ken Boshears and Greg James played on the rook baseball squad, with James thumping out a terrific .453 for a season of constant play. Doug Lang earned his letter in the expanding varsity crew program, and Red Putnam played in spring varsity football practice.

Spring term was highlighted by the gala Firemen's Ball and four exchanges, with Kappa Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Sigma Kappa, climaxed by a hilarious picnic with the Alpha Chi Omegas, where chapter adviser Kline Swygard's son was star of the softball game.

At one of the most successful Mothers' Weekends in several years, the mothers' club presented us with three new automatic toasters, four sturdy card tables, and new blankets sorely needed for the guest room. This summer we are purchasing three large new leather davenport for the living room and library, and will transfer the present ones to the basement party room. The party room floor is being refinished, along with the sleeping porch floor and roof. An extensive landscaping program by the men in summer school will replace most of the shrubbery and reseed the lawn.

Spring initiates: Doug Lang, Dick Reichel, Jim Rogers, and Byron Taylor, all '52; Jerry Brog, Dick Goff, Dick Pedranti, Len Perlich, Red Putnam, Marv Robertson, Al Urquhart, Don Wimer, and Don Young, all '53. Affiliated: Jim Courtwright, '52, Oregon Beta. Pledged: Ken Boshears, Don Barber, Glen Dillon, and Tom Andrews.

## Penn

Chief athletic honor to come to the chapter in the spring was the trophy for first place in interfraternity softball.

The presidency of the senior class remained among our ranks when John Bicklehaupt was elected to fill the shoes of George Woodring, President of the class of 1950.

During the approaching football season Penn Delta will be well represented on the gridiron. All eyes of the Sig Ep cheering section will be focused on the running and blocking of Herb Agocs, Al Corbo, Andy Capone, Bob Harr, Ernie Prudente, Norm Boudreau, and Bob Page.

A record number of brothers were elected to the senior honor societies. John Bicklehaupt, Herb Agocs, and Bob Wilkins are wearing the



Charles R. Christian, New York Delta, '49 (in front, by himself), is commander in chief of the three combined R.O.T.C. units at Rensselaer Tech—Air Force, Navy, and Army.

Sphinx tie-pin, while Al Corbo, Vic Mikovich, and Curt Gager likewise sport a similar pin of Friars.

—FREDERIC C. FERGUSON

### **Rensselaer**

Graduated: Charles Christian, one of the best known men on campus, was commander-in-chief of the combined Army, Navy, and Air Force units. He was voted outstanding cadet in his junior and senior years, and was a member of the varsity lacrosse team. Also Paul Van Gelder, Roderick O'Conner, William Rebeck, Kemp Gorthy, Russell Smith, Ernest Radany, Arnold Zimmer, Thomas Maichak, and Wayne Thomlinson.

Formal initiation was held on May 21, for Forrest Reigal, Don Firor, Bob Otto, Neil Westgate, Pete Laquidara, John Harry, Jack Hill, and Francis Vegezzi.

The Soiree Weekend on April 29 began with a Parisian Night, and the house was decorated as a cafe for the party on Friday night. Next day, following the R.P.I.—Duke lacrosse game, a cocktail party and buffet supper took place. Then the big dance, featuring the music of Blue Barron and his orchestra.

The house softball team won four out of five games. Members of the team were Dom Mastro, Neil Garvey, Gene Kosakowski, Ralph Grossheim, Duane Belden, Ray Lockman, John Scott, Werner Winkler, Jim Kimble, Jim Whitwell and Joe Pape. Bolstered by varsity men "Ajax" Christian and Ray Patenaude, we challenged Pi Kappa Alpha to the first intrafraternity lacrosse game played at R.P.I. After

the game a party was held at the house, and we presented to Pi Kappa Alpha a large, brown mug, which will be kept by the winning house after each annual game.

—WERNER WINKLER

### **Richmond**

Local Sig Eps returned to school this fall with the desire to make this the best "rush" season yet. A highly successful rush party had already been held during the summer months. Clyde Kenyon, president of the sophomore class, kept a watchful look over the visiting "soon-to-be freshmen" who attended. The party was planned by Ruth Chairman Frank Skinner.

The chapter has lost by graduation Tom Howard, president of the senior class; Bob Blackwell, sports editor of the school paper; Walter Preston, an associate editor; Don McNeill, president of the school band; and also Beecher Ward, Ed Kurtz, Jim Andre, Darrell Gilliam, and Tom Pearman.

Pledge Ed Ketchie has been burning up the local semi-pro leagues with his superb pitching this summer. Ed has the potentialities of being a three-letter varsity athlete at the University.

—WILLIAM W. CHAFFIN

### **Santa Barbara**

The California Gamma Sig Eps have just recently acquired a beautiful, rambling ranch type house in the hills just outside of Santa Barbara. The property also includes two smaller bungalows, rifle range, swimming pool, tennis courts, volleyball court and horse back riding arena. The new house will accommodate 35 to 40 men. It is located two miles from the campus and three miles from the beach. Neighbors are far and few in between—thus giving the brothers much needed privacy for studying, etc.

Since receiving its charter in June, 1946, California Gamma has been on top as a fraternity at Santa Barbara College. This fall semester it will have only 30 members active, the lowest number in the short history of this chapter. This, however, is due in part to a large graduating class and the Korean situation. But even with this small number, we are very actively engaged in an extensive rushing program.

The brothers here at Santa Barbara are making plans for their annual Sweetheart Ball and Queen of Hearts dance. The Queen of Hearts dance is an all-school affair and in the past has been a great success. We have sponsored in the past, the orchestras of Alvino Rey, Les Brown, and Jimmy Zito. For the third consecutive year our chapter has won the intramural swimming trophy and after a closely fought battle made second place in the all-school basketball championship.

Bill Norton, our chapter president, was



elected in May to the position of senior class president. Reno Chackel is chairman of the Rally Committee for the second consecutive semester. Pledge John Juday, 220-pound end, is playing on the regular pigskin eleven. Gordon Hardy shows great promise as a halfback. On the basketball team, Bernie Fox is cavorting at a forward post on the first five. Chappie Bortz, as a reserve center, has been showing recent improvement, and may make the starting five in stiff competition, by the time the season starts.

Summer vacation in sunny California was very enjoyable with a couple of Sig Eps from Wisconsin Alpha, Bill Seymour and Jackson Hoag!

## Tennessee

The results of Tennessee Alpha's summer long-range rushing program still remain to be seen. Paul Pomeroy, rushing chairman, devised a plan of dividing the state into three main districts, east, middle, and west, with a chairman heading each. The districts were then subdivided into counties with each active and pledge as workers. The workers made reports to district chairmen and submitted the names of possible rushees.

In preparation for the fall rushing, the famous red door at 1533 Laurel got its face lifted. The entire downstairs was papered and painted while the rest of the house received a thorough cleaning at the hands of the 21 actives and three pledges in summer school.

Tennessee Alpha is also showing off three new trophies won during the past year. Led by Maurice Lusk, the Sig Eps captured the annual All-Sing trophy and the title of "the Goldenthroats." In intramurals, the softball team led by pitcher, Gene Igou, won trophy No. 2, and the bowling team, led by Jimmy Bean, came through with trophy No. 3.

Guided by Rush Chairman Tommy Coleman, of Corinth, Miss., we had four successful rushing parties mainly for the Knoxville area rushees. Other Sig Eps conducted parties in their own districts. The first party was a "smoker" in which the rushees got acquainted with all of the fellows and the ever lovable "Mom" Benson. Next came a swimming party at the Alcoa pool, followed by a watermelon cutting on our new patio. The next get-together was a hamburger fry and the finishing touch to a great summer rushing program was a hayride to Norris Lake.

Tennessee Alpha welcomed two more brothers into membership July 12: Steve Dennis, Covington, Tenn.; and Norman Parker from Chattanooga.

Led by such great painters, carpenters, and brickmasons as Knute Hawkins, Tom Frazier, Roy Moore, "Bubba" Bland, and Hal Farguson, the house with the red door doesn't look the same.

—BOB SUTHERLAND

## Washington (St. Louis)

Proposed plans of house finance and operation have been presented to the Missouri Beta Alumni Board by the active chapter. Alumni and friends are being contacted during the summer for pledges to subscribe for \$25 ten-year bonds and for gifts. Our house will soon be a reality!

Will Litton, historian, has been elected president of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary, and treasurer of Alpha Pi Mu, industrial engineering honorary. He has also been initiated into Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematics honorary. *Hatchet*, Washington University yearbook, has our comptroller Art Boettcher as editor-in-chief with Carl Clasen and John Luedde as assistant engraving editor and assistant sports editor, respectively. Brother Clasen has also been initiated into Lock and Chain, sophomore men's honorary. Missouri Beta's president Bob Bonnell serves Delta Sigma Pi as junior warden while Allan Herrmann is secretary of the business fraternity. The Bowling League claims Francis Niehaus as its secretary-treasurer.

Sig Eps led all campus sororities and fraternities in the amount of collections for the annual Red Cross drive.

June initiates of the chapter were Wayne Herrmann, Allan Herrmann, and Lorin Griggs.

The chapter is busy working on a drive for a chapter house and is also engaged in active rushing.—ART BOETTCHER AND BOB BONNELL

## Wisconsin

Wisconsin Beta chapter is hard at work trying to build up the membership after losing over 30 of its members through graduation this spring and with the prospect of losing more to the armed services soon. The chapter house is in the process of being redecorated, with the



Purdue Sig Eps Bob Samsen, Norm Beck, Jack Bertke (left to right) excavate beneath chapter house to prepare for new bum room.



Utah State Sig Eps at R.O.T.C. summer camp at Fort Bliss, Tex. From left, squatting: D. D. Hansen, M. D. Hein, J. T. Mezo. Standing: E. G. Savage, H. E. Stanbach, C. A. Watkins, and C. J. Odekirk.

help of the members in the hopes that it will be an aid to the active rushing program to be initiated the first week of the fall semester.

Efforts to obtain a more suitable and better located chapter house have failed for the time being, but we are continuing.

Our new mascots are Scotch and Soda, a pair of alley dogs that we have befriended.

Our new comptroller, Ken Schiltz, has been hard at work spending our money buying new furniture and trying at the same time to keep his job testing monkeys at the Primate Lab.

We were recently honored by a visit from

the late Charlie Pafford's parents and his sister.

Initiated since last JOURNAL: Lee Marsh, Arthur Witt, Charles Kissinger, Peter Wirtz, and Dick Stevens.

We completed the intramural program by taking first place in the divisional softball league and second place in water polo.

The armed services summer program called Bob Smith, Tom Pearson, Lee Marsh, Marvin Neuman, and Dick Stevens. Jim Heinecamp has entered the active Navy for two years as an ensign.

—JOE NOVAK

## Wyoming

Our chapter here at Laramie again placed first in the varsity show for the second time since this all-school project was started last year. The fraternity first prize was won last year by our German band and other members putting on a Spike Jones novelty presentation. This year a three-ring circus received top honors.

With respect to homecoming competition, the last four years has netted us four first prizes. One for the most humorous float and three most original house decorations.

Henry Barlow, senior class senator, was also vice-president of the student body representing the Associated Students of the University. Donald Babbitt, junior class senator, was named to the Union management committee.

The top jobs of yearbook editor and business manager have been held the last two years by our members. David Patterson, this year's fraternity and sorority editor, is editor for next year's WYO.

—WESLEY WILLIAMS



As war rumbles grow louder, Sig Eps of various chapters get together at officer candidate school at the U. S. Naval training station, Newport, R.I. Front row, from left: Charles H. Gerwig, Jr., Johns Hopkins; Lt. Charles C. Espy, Iowa Wesleyan; Robert A. Lagasse, Florida. Back row: Edward J. Wenner, Rutgers; A. Chester Morris, Jr., Florida; Maxwell A. Davis, Mississippi State.



# That's about Everything

■ The JOURNAL is grateful to William K. Emerson, California Delta, '48, for the story in this issue, "Schmitt of the Smithsonian." Though this story carries the by-line of Dr. Schmitt's secretary, Lucile McCain, Bill is largely responsible for its particular form and for appearance in the JOURNAL.

The article was prepared, by the way, while Bill was at the U. S. National Museum as an aquatic biologist in the Division of Mollusks. He left there at the end of June to return to the University of Southern California to prepare a toxonomic report on part of the marine mollusks collected during the atom bomb survey at Bikini in the Marshall Islands and to return to complete his graduate work in marine zoology.



William K. Emerson, Cal Delta, '48.

■ WHAT ABOUT SIG EP?—In a recent issue of the *Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha, the editor has something to say about national headquarters buildings of the fraternities. Obviously proud that Pi Kappa Alpha has got something pretty good on the way, he points out that Sigma Alpha Epsilon leaders caught a vision of more efficient business operations through a planned national headquarters, but of primary concern, they desired it as a memorial which would serve to perpetuate its fraternity heritage and ideals. Toward this end the beautiful Levere Memorial Temple was erected in 1928 in Evanston, Ill. Phi Kappa Tau in Oxford, Ohio, Lambda Chi Alpha in Indianapolis, Ind., and Phi Kappa Sigma in Philadelphia followed suit. In 1948 Phi Delta Theta constructed its beautiful headquarters in Oxford, Ohio, and in 1950 Sigma Chi purchased an impressive estate in Evanston, Ill.

Now the *Shield and Diamond* is happy to announce that for several years the leaders in Pi Kappa Alpha have been planning for that great day when it too will have a suitable national home. The Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Foundation has been established and its trustees have had archi-

tectural drawings prepared. Georgian architecture will be used and the building will be erected on property adjacent to Southwestern-at-Memphis in Memphis, Tenn.

■ WHAT ABOUT SIG EP?—Since its beginning, Theta Chi Fraternity has been a thoroughly democratic organization. All legislative decisions are made by the undergraduate delegates and those alumni whom the undergraduate chapters have selected to serve as delegates. In case there is no alumnus delegate, the undergraduate delegate casts two votes. This is a recognition that the fraternity is primarily an undergraduate institution.

■ It is pretty difficult to beat engineering school Sig Eps for sheer inspired genius. At Rensselaer, the boys made a float for the annual Grand Marshal Parade, last spring bearing a machine that—in the words of Historian Werner Winkler—"manufactures women." According to his description "a large box was constructed, and amid the grinding of gears and the flashing of lights, young lovelies came forth."

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John O. Moseley, former president of the University of Nevada and for many years a top official of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, gave members of the College Fraternity Editors Association who gathered at Taunton a stimulating message. He told them that their fraternities are man-making organizations and their magazines should be edited accordingly. He said it was up to the editor to go after the right type of pictures—the sort of great pictures that can only be made by great chapters—pictures exemplifying altruism, enthusiasm, loyalty, self-respect, self-control, and other such attributes of a Christian character.

At the same meeting George Starr Lasher, for 25 years editor of the *Rattle of Theta Chi*, asked the group: "Have fraternity magazines been stimulating enough for their readers?" He seemed to think most of them had not.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE. At the end of the last college term, Illinois Alpha had initiated more men than any other chapter—761. Strangely enough, Kansas and Kansas State were tied with 506 initiates each.

The JOURNAL has one reader with an irrepressible sense of humor who clipped the headline, "Panther Follows Barnes," from the story in the June issue about Richard Panther succeeding Haynes Barnes as governor of the Kentucky and Tennessee chapters, and appended this question: "Did he bite him?"



"Actually, they're only falsies."





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